

Shocking hidden lessons at St Bride's school...

by Diane Chanteau

A "JOLLY hockeysticks" school, which opens today for adult women who want to pretend to be children, has another more disturbing side.

The group of British women who run St Bride's School in Burtonport, Co Donegal, a tiny Irish fishing village have admitted running a series of 'special' courses where the 'pupils' are whipped, birched and caned.

The women, who call themselves the Silver Sisterhood, a group of Matriarchalists, have courted Press and television publicity to attract English and American women particularly to their holiday school which they have invited the local mayor and school ceildh band to open.

The image they project for the £95 a week courses is "fun, innocence and childhood," where women who want to put aside their adult "masks" can dress up in old-fashioned uniforms, do lessons in a schoolroom with authentic desks and slates, sleep in dormitories and be treated as children.

During a mock-up of a day in the life of St Bride's last week, when local women, who do not know about the other courses dressed up for pictures, was found a list of punishments ranging from whipping to after-class caning and severe punishment.

There were also four 'record sheets' in exercise books marked St Bride's kept by the 'pupils' during the autumn term which showed the punishments given each



Headmistress Miss Dachcolwyn—school offers a lot of fun.

day for various minor misdemeanours.

On one day alone a woman underwent:

- Whipping, for putting her pencils in the wrong order;
- Birching and lines, for putting her leg forward when curtsying;
- 11 strokes of the birch, for a mistake in lines;
- Four strokes, and later, three strokes of the cane for continuing to put her leg for-

ward while curtsying;

- One stroke of the cane for mislaying her bonnet.

All the women who underwent the 'special' courses which preceded the official St Bride's pilot courses last summer and continued throughout autumn and Christmas were British.

The schools "head mistress" is Brighe Dachcolwyn, formerly Mary Scarlett, a primary schoolteacher, who used to teach at a school. It was also discovered her

name in the first issue of Artemis—styled "a magazine for women who love women"—where she wrote an article about Gay Liberation.

Before we discovered the evidence of the other courses, Miss Dachcolwyn said: "St Bride's is run on the lines of a traditional girls' boarding school with old-fashioned mistresses. It does offer a complete break and it's a lot of fun."

"We decided that corporal punishment would not be

used, we thought it was too controversial."

When Miss Dachcolwyn was asked to explain the lists of corporal punishments and the punishment record sheets, she said: "I don't know what you're talking about. This is nonsense."

"It must be a joke of the girls. The truth about the course is there is no corporal punishment."

She added: "My real name is in a lesbian magazine because I was approached to write something about my experience when I was working with Gay Liberation. My only contact with the magazine was that one article and an interview I gave them about the school."

The Course Administrator at St Bride's is Deborah McBride MA, who was researching a doctorate at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, when she became involved with the Matriarchal movement.

She admitted the punishment lists were genuine when we asked and said: "You must understand that these were special courses and nothing to do with St Bride's School as it will be when we open."

"We have been doing experiments in this area for some time. The alternative school is similar to St Bride's but deeper and more serious, and it involves corporal punishment."

"I suppose we've been pretty green," she said. "The special courses will be called by a differently named school from now on and they don't run at the same time as St Bride's."

Planners relent in gun siege case

THE MAN facing trial accused of using a shotgun to hold 29 councillors and six of their officials hostage was yesterday granted the planning permission that he was refused on the night of the siege.

Cornwall's Caradon district council planning committee lifted the restrictions which had prevented Terence Rafferty (54) and his wife Elsie (52) selling two houses.

When the committee rejected the couple's first application for the lifting of the conditions last July Mr Rafferty was among the public in the council chamber at Liskeard.

An hour later a man with a shotgun entered the council chamber and the siege began. Yesterday, the planners,

meeting in the same chamber, voted by 13-11 to lift the conditions they imposed when the Raffertys first won planning permission in 1975 to build the houses at Polbathic, Cornwall.

These restricted their occupation to that by people engaged in the management of a nearby hotel which the Raffertys then owned.

The couple later sold the hotel but the buyer did not want the houses. Because of the "hotel use" restriction they were virtually unsaleable until yesterday's decision.

Mr Rafferty, who is now on bail, is also accused of having a shotgun with intent to endanger life and threatening to kill Caradon planning officer Jack Harcombe and others.

Soccer fracas murder charge

AN ENTIRE Brazilian soccer team was taken into police custody and at least two team members will be charged with murder after an end-of-match melee in which a fan died.

Fans of the local team Remo in the northern city of Belem stormed on to the pitch

at the end of a match drawn 0-0 on Sunday against Uberlandia, who were celebrating promotion to the first division.

According to police, two Uberlandia players kicked a Remo fan who then had a heart attack and died.

'Giant' avoids jail

A BRICKLAYER known as the gentle giant, who attacked a nine-months pregnant woman, escaped jail yesterday.

Steven Hoyle (31), six foot four inches tall, admitted assaulting the woman, her mother-in-law and a police constable.

He was fined £1,000 by Poole magistrates in Dorset and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

The court heard that Hoyle, who had previous convictions for unlawful wounding and criminal damage, took exception to the way he was looked at through a shop window.

Hoyle went into the shop, grabbed Mrs Mary Butler (18), shook her violently and shouted abuse, said Inspector Michael Hendley, prosecuting.

Hoyle, who was married on Friday, head-butted her husband, hit her mother-in-law Mrs Christine Butler who owns the shop and attacked PC Roderick Harvey.

The attacks, on March 3, were the result of a lethal mixture of drinks said Mr Michael Skinner defending.

Lover battered baby to death

A 22-YEAR-OLD unemployed man was jailed for life yesterday for the murder of his live-in lover's 14-month-old son.

Christopher Brophy killed little David Thompson by battering his head against a hard object and shaking him violently, said Mr Barry Mortimer, QC, prosecuting at Leeds Crown Court.

David, son of Brophy's girlfriend, Christine Dawson, suffered a fractured skull just before he died.

Mr Mortimer said doctors found 36 bruises and marks on his body, including two on the sole of his foot which were made with a cigarette end.

He said David died as a result of "a persistent attack which silenced the child into unconsciousness and death."

Brophy and 20-year-old Christine had been experimenting with cannabis at their home in Brighouse, near Halifax, Mr Mortimer added.

Brophy was found guilty of murdering the child, causing him grievous bodily harm, and cruelty. He had pleaded not guilty.

He claimed the child sustained his injuries by falling down. Brophy, who said he did not work because he was "fed up" with it, said he had not meant to harm David seriously.

Razor blades swallowed by protest convicts

TEN of the Irish Republic's toughest convicts yesterday used razor blades to injure themselves in Limerick Jail.

Some tried to swallow the blades, said reports.

The incident, during an exercise period, was part of a protest by 12 men recently transferred from Dublin's Mountjoy Prison for security reasons.

An Irish government

spokesman said all the men were high-risk prisoners, including murderers, drug dealers and armed robbers—but no terrorists.

There were apparently no serious injuries and all the prisoners received medical treatment last night.

Another of the dozen protestors was said to have begun a hunger strike earlier yesterday.

CRITICS

GLENDIA JACKSON
THEATRE

Carolyn Fleming

A slick show at Wirral's Grease

WIRRAL Youth Theatre's production of Grease gets under way with a somewhat wimpish disc jockey (Mark Lunt) playing suitably raucous hits.

This rather shaky opening at a high school reunion soon give way to more energetic performances from the cast, and Grease, directed by Mary Austin, really lifts off with the well staged number Summer Nights.

The singing is not as powerful as it might be, but this scene between young lovers Sandy and Danny really pulls at the heart strings.

Sandy, played by Annabel Knight, is convincing and honest throughout, without falling into the trap of being over-sugary.

Dave Barnes as Danny puts in a slick performance as the young blood torn between his macho teenage gang and the ties of going steady.

Although it loses momentum in places, Grease has some memorably vibrant scenes.

Particularly lively were the Burger Palace Boys in Greased Lightning. They moved, on the whole, with more dynamism than the beat-up car they danced upon!

The best of their Pink Ladies was undoubtedly Frenchy, whose boudy mannerisms almost stole the show. She had formidable opposition, though, from Gill Affleck's Rizzo.

Singing Look At Me I'm Sandra Dee, her overt but youthful imitation of sexuality made a neat counterpoint to Sandy's naive charm.

Largely missing the beautifully paced humour of the original this production could nonetheless rise to the occasion with the big dance scenes.

Born To Hand Jive was especially well-performed as an ensemble. The choreography by Sue Ewart Dean achieved both freshness and sophistication.

Lirpa had them all fooled

LIRPA LOOF, the tubby three-foot high furry creature featured on Esther Rantzen's That's Life programme on BBC television on Sunday, yesterday became a favourite with animal lovers.

Thousands at once fell in love with the cheery dark brown animal with the whiskered muzzle—and failed to notice that its name was April Fool spelt backwards.

Meanwhile, the zoo had been inundated with phone calls which have also gone to the Natural History Museum from as far away as Shetland, Liverpool and Bath.

Esther has promised to reveal "how it was done" in next Sunday's That's Life programme.

Victorian England in Donegal? Come with us on . . .

A journey back in time. . .



A forbidding welcome from Sophia the 'bonded servant'

DOWN AT the harbour life goes on as normal. The fishermen wrestle with their nets after the morning's catch. The supermarket's solitary customer is buying cigarettes.

This is Burtonport, West Donegal, three hours drive from Belfast. There's a vicious October wind blowing. The year is 1989.

A pale figure answers the door of the two storey house at the edge of the village. A quiet modulated English voice requests one to go to the front door.

One is eventually shown to the sitting room whilst the mistress is informed. One has met Sophia, the "bonded servant".

Clipped English accents

To step into St Bride's of Burtonport is to leave life as we know it behind. The inhabitants call it "a magical world out of time".

The furniture is Victorian, the curtains lace and velvet. There are oil lamps, candles, embroidered pictures, a wireless and clock from another era. Blobs of wax have spilt onto the heavy table cloth.

On a side table is an old-fashioned bowl of hazelnuts. In the bookcase, ancient hard-back copies of *Ivanhoe* and *Pilgrims Progress*. The

THE wild beauty of Donegal has attracted many eccentrics over the years.

But few are as different as the group of English women who

are locked in history, living out their lives as Victorian ladies.

Lena Ferguson
visited them in their home.

coal fire casts a yellow glow round the darkened room.

To a child of this century, the scene is BBC2 on a Sunday evening in winter, and the latest serialisation of a Dickens' novel.

With a sudden swishing sound, Miss Traill enters, laced hand outstretched. She is sensibly dressed for the time of year in a full-length checked gown. Underneath is a lace collar, fastened with a brooch.

Her friend, Miss Langridge, sports a black crinoline and bonnet which she wears indoors. She is of large build, the hoop under the dress making her five feet wide at her broadest girth.

Neither lady co-operates fully with the demands of 20th century journalism.

Miss Traill politely declines to disclose her first name. "People use it too freely then don't they," she says. (One recalls their letter requesting us to come "dressed accordingly").

Miss Langridge confides that hers is Priscilla, but prefers it not to be used. Their clipped English accents make Princess Di sound as though she comes from Albert Square.

The ladies have lived in Burtonport for the past five years. They live mostly in Queen Victoria's time but with touches of other eras.

Miss Traill explains: "I was interested in moving away from the modern world and I thought Ireland was a suitable place.

"I bought this house which is about 100 years old. Before that I liked things from the 20s and 30s but the whole atmosphere of the house was Victorian and that took over."

The last people to live in the two-storey house were the Screemers — a group of people who exercised their vocal chords as a means of therapy and believed in giving vent to their every emotion.

Philosophy

They sold out and went to Paraguay. The neighbours in Burtonport must have hoped they would be replaced by more conventional souls.

When the Victorians moved in, the hallway was adorned with astrological symbols. The decor was "appalling," they said.

The philosophy that guides the present inhabitants is disgust with the modern world.

"The Second World War was the end of civilisation," declares Miss Langridge, whose black-gloved hand beats the air with the intensity of her feelings.

"There was an absolute collapse of culture in the second half of this century. Look at modern design. There is no style. Everything is done for flashiness and speed.

Relaxation

"It's not that we object to technology but everything must be as clownish and vulgar as possible to prove that it is new.

"There have been technical improvements, but they aren't done for cultural or aesthetic reasons. Nothing is done that relates to the mind, or spirit or the intellect."

Relaxation in St Bride's includes reading aloud and listening to music on the gramophone. Miss Langridge admits to liking some modern music but pop, she says, is "poison condensed into sound".

The women are members of the Romantic movement, started in Oxford in the 1970s. They say their families are not concerned about their unusual lifestyle as they are "quite old-fashioned" themselves.

Sophia (the ladies pronounce it "So-fire") is 23. She was an art student when she wrote to them saying she didn't feel part of the modern world. They are now training her as a bonded servant.

Modulated

That means she gets board and lodging and "some pocket money". Her uniform is a plain black dress and white apron, her hair is scraped back in a bun.

She has a vacant but happy expression behind her thick lensed round glasses. She seems content in her work, silently pouring tea into china cups delicate as egg-shell. She and her "mistress" exchange affectionate glances.

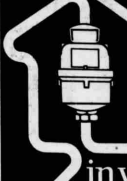
Initially when asked Sophia can't remember her age. In the same modulated tones as her "mistress" she says: "Oh. I was just thinking about that last night. I am 23. Yes, two nativities."

On the fact that she doesn't get



Miss Traill pictured outside the Victorian mansion with Arrabella, her 1948 Austin

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Good news for local building firm

A SMALL Hebden Bridge building firm has been hit by the second time within five months.

This time Hebden Builders Ltd., of Brunswick Street, Hebden Bridge, have landed a contract worth £150,000, in the face of stiff competition from large national firms.

Last June, the company gained contracts worth more than £10,000, to build a timber framed bungalow at Luddenden Foot, and a scheme to stop water seepage in many storey flats in Halifax.

The new contract is for the replacement of the concrete work in the walls of a house in the Rochdale Road, Halifax.

It is also good news for the firm's employees, as it is a sign that it will provide work for them until next October, when the water seepage scheme is complete.

And if the firm lands any more contracts between now and October it will be good news for the town's unemployed, as the firm will need additional staff.

Managing Director Mr. Rhys Kift, who only started the firm nine years ago, said that the latest contract was marvellous news.

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Asbestos Ltd

AN employee of Cape Asbestos Ltd who worked at the former Acre Mill, Old Town, for 15 years, found from asbestos, an incurable cancer.

Age 60, Mr. Thomas Buick of Acre Mill, Todmorden, has been diagnosed with cancer of the lung.

He worked there between 1941 and 1943 and again between 1948 and 1961 with a five month break in 1949.

Lottery winner

This week's £100 winner of the Yorkshire Water Lottery was Mrs. M. J. Green, of 21 Clarendon Road, Hebden Bridge, who won on November 10.

Ask for a folder for full details at principal rail stations or appointed travel agents.

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DISPATCHES

News from the Front

This Month:

A junior member of Dean Hamer's lab, Victoria Magnuson, was asked to leave the lab after questioning his analytical methods. Following her complaint, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Research Integrity opened an ongoing internal investigation.

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LEGAL UPDATE

Naval Maneuvers in Court

PAUL THOMASSON DESCRIBES himself as "a recovering Lutheran from Lake Wobegon." He has high moral standards, excellent posture, and a wickedly deadpan sense of humor. Thomasson, now 33, was a highly regarded Navy lieutenant when he came out in 1994, only to be assigned by chance to work for an admiral in charge of implementing the ban on gay men and lesbians. Despite his impeccable record and testimony from colleagues, who wanted him to remain in service, Thomasson lost his case in a Virginia federal court, was discharged, and lost an appeal in the Fourth Circuit Court. Now an entrepreneur with a restaurant in Washington, D.C., Thomasson is appealing his case to the Supreme Court.

Thomasson says he chose the moment of his coming out with an eye to litigation: "Once I decided I was in a good position to challenge the policy, I went to the Human Rights Campaign one afternoon in uniform and said, 'I'm here to defect.'"

The defector ruffled the feathers of some gay and lesbian groups, who worried that Thomasson's case was not the right one for their legal strategy; he and noted lesbian lawyer Chai Feldblum had sparred over his failure to challenge the "gay conduct" ban. But despite private discussions—and a public appeal by

Feldblum, who asked him in a heated forum at Georgetown Law School to "reconsider"—Thomasson has decided to press forward. "I'm going to the Big House," he asserts. "I'm tremendously conscious of the fact that what I do has ramifications for everyone."

Dixon Osburn, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, says he admires Thomasson's determination. "I hope our community supports him," he says of the appeal. "It's tough. Here's a young man on the fast track to be admiral, and he gave all that up. Sometimes we forget the personal sacrifice that people make."

The Supreme Court may not take Thomasson's case, or they may choose to consolidate it with other challenges to the policy. But Thomasson sees himself as particularly well situated: "I know people said about me, 'How did he become the fox in the henhouse, working for the admiral in charge of the anti-gay policy?'" He chuckles. "Well, now I'm running a restaurant three blocks away from the Supreme Court."—SARA MILES

MANNERS AND ETIQUETTE

The Aristasian Persuasion

ROLL OVER, DRAG KINGS—a girly revolution may be on the way. While surfing the Net, curious lesbians have come across a Web site called Femmeworld. Perhaps expecting a paean to '50s butch and femme styles, they have instead found Sapphic schoolgirl crushes and a mystical cult of the feminine called Aristasia. Most believe the site is a spoof, but it is entirely serious.

The Web site's authors are the Aristasians, a group formed

in the 1970s by female students, gay and straight, at Oxford University who thought that feminism was the wrong answer and that women need to escape the modern world—that is, "The Pit." Aristasians have since run a small "Embassy" in London's suburbs, a cultural center which depends for its survival on revenues from its publishing house, The Wildfire Club (which brings forth books on Aristasian philosophy and the art of spanking), and from manufacturing whips and other



Former Navy lieutenant Thomasson ruffled feathers with his Supreme Court appeal.

paraphernalia. Inside the embassy, there are no books or records allowed that were produced after the early 1960s. None of the group's 250 devotees reads newspapers or watches television, and wearing trousers ("the forbidden article") is strictly outlawed—as is any actual sexual contact between the "girls." Instead they attend discussion groups on feminist essentialism, watch late 1950s movies, and have nonsexual spankings for naughty members.

How, then, to explain the presence of Melissa, 27, an über-femme and out lesbian on the London scene, who on Sunday nights leaves the bars behind, pulls on a 1940s tea dress, stockings, and high heels, and drives out to the Aristasian embassy to become "Patricia." For Melissa, visiting the temple to the feminine allows her to fulfill a few fantasies and escape from the realities of life as a '90s woman.

"Aristasia allows me to express the gentle and feminine side of my nature—as well as the condescending and arrogant side of myself," she says. "I don't have to pretend to be less than I am, I can talk about the books that I've read, the music that I love, and the cultural ideas I have."

Some weeks, "Patricia" will wear a school uniform and receive whippings from the schoolmistress. At other times, she will sit demurely on a chaise and discuss sex and philosophy. Why does she go, if sex is not on the agenda? Melissa laughs and says, "I think it creates a sense of frisson. And I do get to live out those fantasies of boarding school life and ginger beer."—SOPHIA CHAUCHARD-STUART

GAY PRIDE DIARY

The Black Party

DESPITE THE SLATE-GRAY SKY threatening rain, my partner, two gay male friends, a lesbian friend, and I were heading to a cookout. It was Saturday afternoon, the second day of Washington, D.C.'s annual Black Lesbian and Gay Pride weekend, an ever-growing AIDS-benefit and social-cultural celebration, which I was excited to be attending after a year's hiatus. Instead of making tracks for the gala brothers' fest (about which we heard quite a bit later that evening) in southeast D.C., we were soon driving toward northeast D.C. We had decided to defy the weekend's typical gender segregation and attend a women's barbecue.

Before I had time to process our arrival at this almost

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The 1976 Ford-Dole ticket pushed through a Republican platform that included support for a constitutional amendment to give the city of Washington, D.C., two U.S. senators. Can you imagine Republicans supporting a constitutional amendment that would put Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan in the U.S. Senate?

—Pat Buchanan fund-raising letter

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from a brief visit to my hometown of St. Louis. House beats pumping out of a speaker soon coaxed folks from their seats, and before long, duos and trios were twirling on the concrete. I sat, now grinning broadly, enjoying the bass line and the lilting music of so many conversations, and, as I told my partner and friends, though I hardly knew anyone and was one of only a few men present, I felt content to be with all these sisters, and very much at home.

The next day, as our quintet drove to the weekend's culminating event, the outdoor Festival at Banneker Field by Howard University, clouds again gathered ominously. I passed on showing off my legs and slipped on rain-worthy jacket and boots. At the field, some folks I had hoped to run into were not around; I wondered whether we had missed them, whether they had skipped Pride altogether, or if, sadly, they were with us now only in spirit. After a steady drizzle, and then showers, a series of impromptu reunions and the lip-synching show on the main stage rapidly brightened things up. As in past years, I reveled in the very presence of all these black people "in the life," here in celebration of our communities' survival, of our lives, our loves, and wished that we could come together more frequently. Similar celebrations have started in Los Angeles, Detroit, and Atlanta, since for our diaspora within a diaspora, family is not blood alone. As my partner and I

suburban, sylvan setting, we were proceeding down through a narrow flagstone-lined passage and into a sloping backyard lot abutting an alley. I was immediately transported back to the many firefly-lighted backyard barbecues of my childhood. The brother tending the grill offered up a grin as a lively, dreadlocked sister approached to greet us. Nervous, we all smiled, shook hands, and sought out a quiet spot at the edge of the patio, smelling the delicious aromas wafting from the basement.

Filling our plates with potato salad, beans, chips, and burgers, my partner and I grabbed some drinks, and joined our friends at a picnic table to watch and admire the array of beautiful and diverse sisters (and a few brothers) from all over the city and the metro area, and from all over the country, gradually filing in. I quickly found myself chatting with a warm (and sexy) young dyke from Toronto who had just come

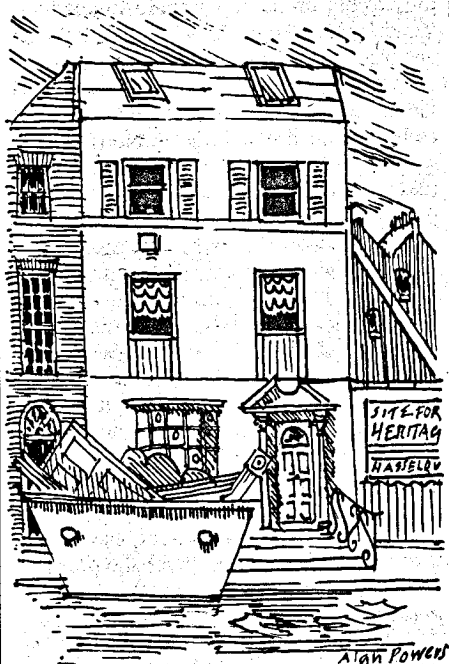


Black Pride was "a family reunion I wasn't going to miss."

RON SINGLETON

strained in splashing out on a fibreglass and bongo wood entrance 'feature'. As the Heritage industry constantly points out, historical authenticity is unimportant, the great thing with old buildings is to enjoy 'the excitement of our vivid history'.

The brick or stonework of the façade of your property can be transformed by cleaning and repointing. Whether brick or stone, the most approved method of cleaning is industrial sand-blasting. This has the great advantage of not only taking off the dirt but the whole surface of the original material, thus giving an exciting new texture like Ryvita biscuits. In the case of London stock brick, which was traditionally toned down with soot-wash, sand-blasting gives the brickwork an unusual bright yellow colour. Where the old work has been patched recently with pinker bricks cleaning makes the whole surface look like a slice of Battenburg cake, a



delicious effect which the original designer would, no doubt, have greatly appreciated had he been able to envisage such a result.

Repointing can do a lot for your building too. It is essential to use a very hard dark cement mortar with absolutely no lime in it. Avoid flush joints, which are far too unobtrusive and boring. Go for a really thick struck-joint. Most builders will provide this as a matter of course unless specifically instructed otherwise, so you do not have to worry too much about this crucial detail. A good example of the sort of standard to aim for is provided by the recent restoration of Hawksmoor's stable block at St James's Palace.

If you wish to spend a more substantial sum on improving the front of your house you can cover it from basement to parapet with cement render patterned with unusual trowel marks. Best of all is a striking new

surface of stick-on crazy-patterned plastic stonework the colour of dog biscuits. This type of treatment is particularly appropriate in smaller Georgian towns like Richmond in Yorkshire where the proximity to real stone makes the artifice of the substitute much more enjoyable to the trained eye.

Having dealt with the walls, there is still the roof to be considered. Of course you can replace the old graded slates with more regular machine-made asbestos substitutes. But while you are at work up there why not make use of the space and convert the roof into an extra room or two? Any

jobbing loft-conversion company can do a really good transformation, with a big dormer picture window in the front for the views, or even better, a recessed roof-terrace with sliding aluminium-framed patio doors. It is best to give any roof extension a flat top so as to mark it out as an addition in the 'style of our time'. While you are at it take down the chimneys to save future maintenance. With central heating, you will never need to use them again, and in any case you will have stripped out all the fireplaces as part of the upgrading of the interior to meet 'modern standards'.

A ROMANTIC MANIFESTO

Miss Lucinda Tyrrell explains why she dresses up in funny clothes

THE average Romantic is female, well-educated, and somewhere between 18 and 45. She is female for what are called 'historical reasons'. The Romantic movement is said to have been born, or at any rate gestated, in an Oxford women's college which did not at that time admit men.

The Romantic inhabits an imaginative world, which, perhaps, women feel freer to do in these days. She genuinely finds the modern world mad and impossible to take seriously and sees her own Romantic 'bubble' as an oasis of sanity. When people accuse her of turning her back upon reality one imagines her (if she deigned to answer at all) gesturing disdainfully at the modern world and saying: 'You mean *that*'?

Her clothes are what one first remarks about her, but, though they may be striking, it is the way she wears them that really marks her out as a Romantic. Whether she wears crinolines or Thirties chic, or one of the 'neo-hyphen' or eclectic styles, she wears them with utter self-consciousness and completeness. It is this self-consciousness, this completeness, both in dress and in manner, which distinguishes the Romantic from other modern types and indicates that she is essentially not modern. The Sloane Ranger will wear jeans under a Savile-Row overcoat for 'counterpoint'. The Voguelette will wear workman's boots under lacy Victorian petticoats. The Young Fogey will wear the coat of a pinstripe suit with grey flannels and a fawn cardigan. The Romantic sees all these things as modern — a word which

needs no further comment as a term of dismissal.

'Modern' in a case like this carries with it an implication of cowardice. The modern person is afraid to do the thing properly; afraid of falling into self-parody — that is, of doing it too completely. He has to supply the inverted commas in what the Romantic would consider a caddishly unsubtle manner, just to prove to the onlookers that he is, at root, one of them; that he too knows that one does not *really* do these things these days.

The Romantic is not one of them, and she (or he) does really do these things — and what are 'these days' anyway? One does not believe one has heard of them. The two keynotes of modern dressing are casualness and individuality. Even when these are not enforced too rigidly, it is *de rigueur* that the modern dresser should look at ease and himself. Neither of these things is much admired by the Romantic. The phrase 'natural and unaffected' is often used by Romantics to mean that someone is modern and boring. A Romantic should be affected and not too natural. This is not to say that she lacks ease or confidence; on the contrary, a Romantic is one to whom affectation comes naturally.

The Romantic would never, of course, wear Victorian or any other underwear as outerwear. It would be far too modern and predictably eccentric. 'Neurotic' is a word she might use for this type of dressing, meaning that it springs from the fragmented and unregulated consciousness

of the modern world. Put these out-of-place garments together with the aforementioned workman's boots and the Romantic feels as if she is witnessing a chaotic dream. So, come to that, does the modernist, but the modernist, having been through surrealism and psychedelia, finds chaotic dreams exciting and clever, while the Romantic looks on them with an unashamedly pre-Freudian mind and finds them sinister. When the Romantic calls the modern world 'mad' she is not using a figure of speech.

To understand the Romantic, one must realise that she is never eccentric — not, at any rate, in the sense of breaking with any fundamental convention. She appears to the outside world to be eccentric, and if she had any respect for the outside world that might trouble her, but the outside world ('the natives') does not consist of People Who Count. She appears to flout all sorts of conventions, but in fact she never flouts the conventions that matter. When she wears a crinoline ball-dress with a high collar and bobbed hair, she is not being odd. She is following an accepted style which has been in vogue for several years (fashions change at a more 19th-century pace in the Romantic world).

In dress, the Sloane Ranger or the Young Fogey tries to express conventional and traditional values from within the constraints of the compulsory individualism and pseudo-eccentricity of modern culture. The Romantic, conversely, expresses her individuality, and even her eccentricity if she is genuinely eccentric, from within the formal constraints of Romantic convention.

This brings us on to the Romantic attitude toward social class. Romantics do not necessarily share the same views on everything, but their attitude to this subject is pretty consistent. To begin with, they are much less coy about class than almost any other group of English people. They make no bones about the fact that the Classless Society — whether socialist or Thatcherite — is a bad thing. Indeed, this is probably the root cause of their distaste for both socialism and Thatcherism and, indeed, post-war politics as a whole.

The distinctions between social classes are one of the foundations of civilisation. The decline of domestic service, social deference and what the Romantic satirist Sparrowhawk has called 'natural, organic hierarchies' has been a de-civilising influence upon every class of society.

The ideal Romantic *ménage* includes a number of voluntary bonded servants who are looked after and protected in return for their service in a quite feudal manner, thus making the household a microcosm of the ideal Romantic-Feudal state.

Few Romantics are actually of lower-class origins and those who are are either servants of some sort or have improved themselves beyond all recognition and

probably rewritten their history. Curiously, Romantics do not object to either of these things. If some one is clever, amusing and un-modern, dresses correctly and speaks correctly they have usually no desire to enquire into humble social origins.

Conversely, the Romantic is not necessarily impressed with high birth. This does not mean that she does not respect breeding and ancient lineage. She does — perhaps with a more genuine, mediæval sort of respect than most people today — but she also has an almost oriental consciousness of the possibility of loss of caste. She does not necessarily regard the mod-



A Romantic

ern scion of the ancient family as a fit and true representative of the Tradition. Kind hearts may not be more than coronets; but coronets without sound traditional values and attitudes do not make People Who Count.

Romantics have great confidence. Some, of course, are shy, and to be brash or strident is considered modern and unpleasant. Nonetheless, the Romantic is usually possessed of a quiet confidence. Most Romantics have been Romantic without using that word since early teens at least, and to be able to pose the question: 'Is the world around me wrong and am I right?' and to answer calmly 'Yes' takes a certain degree of confidence. Membership of Romantic society increases this natural confidence considerably.

Romantic society encourages the flowering of the individual. Romantics enjoy other Romantics being flamboyant, they watch with appreciation as one develops new affectations. They expect one to improve one's 'performance'. 'All the world's a stage', said one Romantic, 'but it helps to

have a decent house.' The modern world, with its instinctive dislike of anything larger than itself (which includes most things), makes a very poor house.

Romantics are renowned for the curious flights of whimsy in which they indulge (whimsy is a Romantic word for fantasy. The latter term is seldom employed, being somewhat soiled by modern usage.) Some write stories, usually for private circulation among themselves only (though some are now seeing the light of publication in the *Romantic* and the *English Magazine*) and the barrier between these stories and real life is often alarmingly thin. They put each other into their stories under their real names and their pseudonyms (Romantics often have several pseudonyms). They become each other. They tell extraordinary tall stories about themselves and their friends and sometimes the tallest turn out to be true. People often think tales of Romantics wearing crinoline day-dresses in the streets or having unpaid bonded servants are tall tales, for example, but both are true and, indeed, quite common.

Despite this cavalier attitude toward factual truth, Romantics regard themselves as both honest and honourable (the latter word is perhaps a Romantic monopoly these days). They despise lying for mean personal advantage and regard their word as sacred. A Romantic will not give a promise lightly, and when given it will be kept under any circumstances. Romantics will transact serious business among themselves on an oral agreement. When Miss Hester St John heard, some months after the event, of the end of the real Stock Exchange (an event which is regarded by Romantics as a milestone in the Decline of the West and which was the last nail in the coffin of any sneaking affection which their anti-socialist instincts might have given them toward neo-capitalism) she proposed at a dinner that the motto *Dictum meum pactum* should pass to the Romantics.

The sacredness of one's word is one important reason for the Romantic dislike of divorce. If one cannot keep a promise solemnly pledged before God and the congregation, then what kind of a person is one? There is a certain leniency toward things that have taken place before one became a Romantic because everyone knows that the modern world is a jungle, but marriages contracted within Society (i.e. Romantic society) are for life.

As a Romantic man recently remarked: 'Ultimately, one's word is the only thing one really has.'

Romantics tend to be apolitical as far as practical modern politics go because, as Sparrowhawk put it: 'The entire spectrum of modern politics is so far removed from anything one believes in that one cannot take sides in its battles without compromising one own point of view.' Some Romantics, of course, are just apolitical. None would be likely to vote in an election.

Some Romantics feel that in living the

life they do they are preparing the way for a gentle transition to a civilised future. They believe that the time has not come for any sort of action even if they were inclined to take it, but that the real changes in the world's history begin in the hearts and minds of men (and girls). By saying the things that no one else is saying, and practising those things in their lives, they are the first breeze of a necessary and

inevitable change which will come upon the cultural climate of the world.

Many Romantics, of course, do not think anything so grandiose. They just enjoy having a jolly time and staying, as far as possible, out of the rain of modern vulgarity; but most Romantics believe, in their heart of hearts, that they are fundamentally right and that history, in the end, must be on their side.

UNHOLY CITY: NEW JERUSALEM

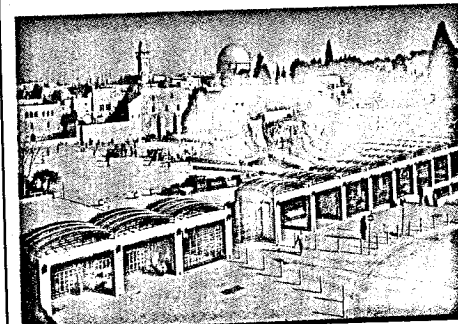
Gavin Stamp surveys
the sad state of the
most sacred city

THE DEVIL may not always have the best tunes but in Jerusalem the Muslims certainly have the best architecture. The famous view of the ancient walled city from the east, from the top of the Mount of Olives, is dominated by the Dome of the Rock, the third most holy site for Islam, built by the Caliph 'Abd al-Malik at the end of the seventh century. Its pure octagonal form is clothed in gorgeous faience tiling while the present dome of gilded aluminium — a rather vulgar product of King Hussein's restoration of the 1950s — glows in the sun. The Dome stands proudly and in isolation on the Haram al-Sharif, the 'Noble Sanctuary', a raised plateau where once stood the Temple of Solomon and it is, along with the nearby al-Aqsa Mosque, a supreme expression of the clear, precise, rigid nature of Islam.

For C. R. Ashbee, the Arts & Crafts architect who was civic adviser to the British military and civilian administration in Jerusalem from 1918 to 1922, the Dome 'represents and draws into its heart the three religious traditions, Moslem, Christian, Jew. Yet in a way it transmutes and transcends them all. Perhaps that was overdoing it, but it is still true that the Dome is the great symbol of Jerusalem, as is shown by the covers of guides and picture books, whether Israeli or Gentile. And compared with the spacious order of the present state of the Temple Mount, the places of worship of the two other great historical religions are not immediately impressive.

Below the Haram and contained by the city walls — Roman, Mameluke, Turkish — Jerusalem is a dense, tight network of narrow streets based on a Roman plan. The architecture is introverted, tucked

away. It had to be: the domestic tradition here was an intelligent response to communal conflict: Jew, Christian and Mohammedan could withdraw into their own distinct quarters. By day, the main streets leading from the Damascus Gate are almost impassable, thronged with the crowds, bustle and noise of the Orient. But today, because of the *intifada*, the shutters go up after noon and at night the Old City is like a ghost town or an Expressionist film set: dimly lit souks echo with the sound of



The new colonnade before the Western Wall

one's footsteps but all that move in the shadows are some of Jerusalem's many cats. Yet, behind closed doors, thousands of Palestinians live, and wait . . .

Towers and campaniles on the skyline mark the presence of Christian churches, yet they are hard to find. The Holy Sepulchre itself is almost hidden until you emerge into a small square with the Gothic arcade of the Crusaders on one side. This place should be the holiest spot in Christendom yet many visitors are disappointed, perhaps because Christianity here is so dark, grimy and Oriental, with every space festooned with hanging lamps outdoing any Turkish mosque; perhaps because of

the touting guides. 'I've never felt so pagan and repelled in my life,' wrote Ashbee. 'To come back to this mediaevalism after the quiet reverence and sanity of Islam . . . is something like a shock.'

My own disappointment was that the church was full of scaffolding and the tiny Holy Sepulchre itself — that is, the Greek reconstruction of 1810 after a fire — is strapped together with girders. The restorers and the archaeologists have been at work, picking things clean and somehow sanitising what must have been wonderfully chaotic and neglected. Yet the old spirit survives. Fifteen lamps burn at the Holy Sepulchre — with dozens and dozens more hanging outside — five for the Orthodox, five for the Latins, four for the Armenians and one for the Copts. These precise numbers are important, and two other communities have rights in different parts of the church under the status quo established by the Turks: the Syrians and the Ethiopians.

Jerusalem is not a good advertisement for ecumenism. The city rather exemplifies the oldest of Christian traditions: sectarianism. A poignant illustration of this is the elevated position of the Ethiopians who, because at one stage they could not pay up, were exiled to the roof. Little houses sit up there with the dome of St Helena's Chapel rising through the courtyard. But there have been some changes. My Murray of 1903 notes how on entering the church 'the first object that strikes our eye is a Turkish divan to the left on which recline Moslem officers and soldiers, sipping coffee and smoking narghiles. They are stationed here to prevent the priests and votaries of the different Christian sects from open strife and bloodshed — precaution which experience has proved to be only too necessary.'

At least those soldiers have gone — but there is still a strong military presence in Jerusalem today: teenage soldiers, boys and girls, all armed, lounging about outside the City gates, or sitting high on the walls, guns at the ready. But they are there not to stop Christians fighting each other but to keep the Arabs from the Jews. For Jerusalem is a divided city and, for most of its inhabitants, the old city is a city under military occupation.

In 1948 the cease-fire line cut Jerusalem in half. To the west, in Israeli territory, were the suburbs which had sprung beyond the city walls after the beginning of large-scale Jewish immigration in the late 19th century. Here are the shops along Jaffa Road, the garden suburbs planned in the 1920s by German architects, museums and institutional buildings and most of the luxury hotels. But the old city and the area immediately to the north remained in Jordanian hands. Following the war of 1967, Jerusalem was, in theory unified but the division remains. The chanting of three shabby Armenians celebrating mass on their little patch in the north

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CAR DELIVERY WITH A DIFFERENCE!

A BUNCRANA MAN, Barry O'Loughlin, told the 'Journal' last night how he helped to deliver his wife's fourth child on the back seat of a car en route to Letterkenny General Hospital yesterday morning.

Mr. O'Loughlin's first inkling that it was not going to be a normal day was when his wife Betty called him at 5.20 yesterday morning and told him that their fourth child was on its way. Mr. O'Loughlin ran to his neighbour, Mr. Michael Doran, who offered to drive the couple to the hospital, while his wife looked after the rest of the O'Loughlin family. The baby was due yesterday.

The journey to the hospital passed without incident until they were about between Newtowncunningham and Manorcunningham when Mrs. O'Loughlin told her husband that the baby was coming and they'd have to stop at a house to get some help.

Mr. Doran stopped at a farmhouse where Mr. O'Loughlin hoped to raise assistance from a woman to help with the delivery. "But the old man in the house just shouted from a

window and told us to scamper off. He wouldn't come down. We picked the wrong house," said Mr. O'Loughlin.

He said: "The baby began to come. Mickey Doran jumped back into the car and the baby was born while we were on the

move, just about five miles from Letterkenny."

"I sat beside Betty and touched the baby. Betty told me to let it come naturally. She held it tight in her nightgown — it was a boy. I tapped the baby and it started to cry. When we arrived at the hospital some nurses came and gave us a hand," he said.

"Betty was as sound as a bell — she took it very well. I didn't know what to do. I was shocked," added Mr. O'Loughlin, who is now father to three boys and one girl.

He was very grateful to Mr. Doran for his help.

Women's Rule Sect Settle in Donegal

Once burned as witches during the middle ages, members of the Rhiannan sect have now settled in Burtonport in Co. Donegal. The small community of English women claims to be the first "open" settlement of its kind in Europe for over a thousand years.

The community has taken over a former hotel building and re-named it "An Droichead Beo." They see their community as a place of transition — a bridge from the modern world to an ancient order which, they say, once existed all over the world when women were recognised as the higher species and men were subservient.

Members of the community have rejected the modern world ruled by men to return to the primordial matriarchal tradition. They believe that God is a woman and say that magic is part of the everyday life. Their Goddess is depicted as a half mare and half maid.

The Rhiannans say the vast majority of human history is the history of matriarchal civilisations in which the feminine principle was predominant; that these civilisations were by no means primitive but far in advance of our own; that mankind today is in a state of decline which will eventually end in calamity and herald the dawn of a new age when women shall again dominate societies.

NEW CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY RELATIVES

CITIZENS Against the Show Trials, the Derry based group of relatives opposed to the use of police informers, will meet with a legal delegation headed by Lord Gifford, which will visit Northern Ireland to hold an investigation into the supergrass phenomenon later this month. The Derry group will present Lord Gifford with complete documentation on informers.

The group is hoping to send their chairman, Mr. Michael English, on a speaking tour of the United States and plans are being drawn up to take the issue to other countries in the world. Mr. English said that legal channels were being made available to highlight the human rights aspect in these cases.

Citizens Against the Show Trials was set up at a meeting two weeks ago in Derry where it was decided to elect an eight person committee to co-ordinate the campaign against informers. At a committee meeting last week, it was decided to take further action on the issue.

In a statement issued by Mr. English on behalf of the committee, he said: "We feel that the time has come when all prejudice must be cast aside in the informer issue. The code of silence surrounding their usage must be broken. People of conscience must take a stand, people of influence must use that influence to bring it to an end."

He said: "It is no longer sufficient for us, as a responsible community, to turn a blind eye to the whole sickening affair on any grounds, be it based on the assumption that it is for the good of society because those accused must somehow be guilty and are

better off our streets and in jail."

Mr. English said the community was accepting excuses for the immoral use of informers. He said the administration of law and the fundamental rights of defendants must be maintained.

"We must open our eyes and see what informers are: cool, calculating criminals, peddling their trade for a profit," he said.

Money For Old Rope

Mr. English continued: "The question is, are the police using them, or are they using the police, using police frustration of inadequate investigation methods? It doesn't take them long to catch on to a good thing, in today's economic climate.

This is money for old rope, not as risky as robbing Post Offices or mugging old age pensioners and much more profitable."

Mr. English said that in their get rich quick schemes, informers have brought discredit to the judiciary and made the administration of law in Northern Ireland a sick joke. They have also divided families and brought shame to whole communities.

He added: "What label of credibility can be put on those who show no love or respect for fathers, mothers, wives, children, brothers or sisters and who from an early age show only contempt for the laws of God and man. In all honesty, can we say that these men have changed as human beings and what they now say is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

He stated that truth to informers is a commodity for sale at the same price as lives, because no facts or corroborative evidence is needed.

There will be a public meeting in the Bogside Inn on Wednesday night, at 8 p.m., where the full committee will be introduced to the public. Plans for future action will also be discussed.

TULLYALLY ROBBERY

There was an armed robbery at a grocery shop in the Milltown Shopping Centre at Tullyally in Co. Derry on Saturday night.

Just before 8.30 a masked man armed with a handgun ordered an assistant into the store room and ordered him to lie on the floor before taking a sum of money from a cash register. There were no injuries.



Students of the North-West College of Technology who have successfully completed and receive Diplomas for the first ever Medical Secretarial Course at the college. Pictured with the group, are Mr. Michael McLaughlin, head of the secretarial department, centre, and the course tutor, Miss Ursula Moody, second from right. The successful students are seated, from left, Rina Vij, Bronagh McReynolds and Fiona Duddy. Back, from left, Majella Barr, Pauline McCourt, Ann Marie McLaughlin, Jacqueline Budd, Annette Given and Sinead McLaughlin. The course covered medical terminology, clinical procedures, National Health Service, medical shorthand and medical typing. All of the successful students have secured positions following completion of the course.

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SPANKERS RUN KINKY CALLS

THE bizarre Spanking Sisters group who ran a strict "school for young ladies" in Co. Donegal have set up a telephone sextine.
The kinky phone message offers men and

by **MIKE McNIFFE**

women lessons from a lady teacher carrying a cane at £75 an hour.
A woman called Miss Partridge tells callers: "I



• 'Mistress' Maria de Cohnyn in class.

shall not hesitate to tell you to stand up and bend over the desk if I am at all displeased.

She adds: "It is not in any way a game. There is nothing in my lessons which is immoral, immodest or improper."

The Spankers had been running their weird school called St. Bride's from an old house in the fishing village of Burtonport.

In 1990 one of the sisters **Maria de Cohnyn**, who uses several aliases, was fined £100 in Glenties court after a "maldservant" complained she had been caned on the backside. Just before Christmas members of the controversial Spankers cult returned to the house from South America and took it back from the spanking sisters.

Gardai were called after a dispute arose between the two groups as to who was the owner.

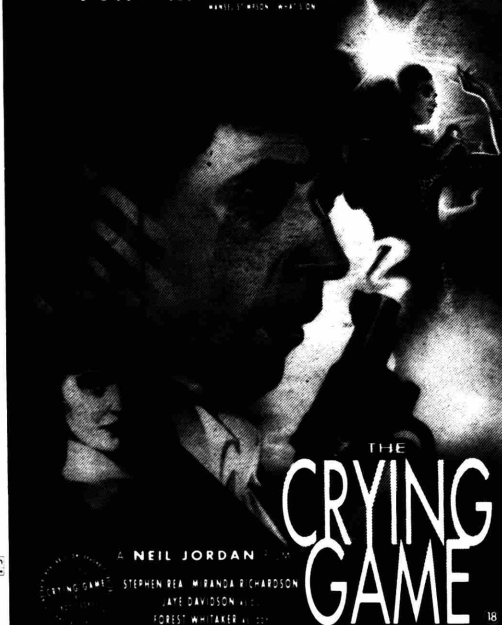
The Sisters, including de Cohnyn, eventually left and the Spankers took possession of the rundown house.

The Spanking Sisters are now in Oxford and it is from there that they have set up their new kinky phone line.

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I'm not as boring as Bruton!

SO, how are those New Year resolutions going?

By now, the 10th of the month, you should have well and truly abandoned any promises that you made on New Year's Eve as the folly of a drunken mind, and you should be back to normal, doing whatever it is that you've always done.

As Pete Beale out of EastEnders put it on Tuesday, this year he plans to do "exactly the same as last year, wearing different clothes."

And speaking of last year (which we very loosely were — don't expect seamless links in January), now is the time to take out that list of achievements that I requested of you last week. What exactly did you achieve in 1992? My list reads: "didn't die; didn't get arrested," so it was a good year for me, but what about you? Can you improve on 1992 this year?

And so, with another fairly strained link, we're back to 1993, and the resolutions. I'm off cigarettes — a bit like the people in the Sunday Independent, except I didn't spend two hours getting my photo taken to mark the occasion — and I'm actually feeling a bit smug about it.

I was off the fags for ages before Christmas, and only suffered a very temporary and unimpressive relapse over the festive season. I think I may well have them beaten this time.

I've also sworn off drink till the end of the month, and in so doing have become the most boring person alive, with the possible exception of John Bruton.

I'm not one of those sad people who gives up drink and then goes out to pubs and pretends to enjoy themselves — rather, I lock the door, throw away the key and stare into space for a month, before breaking out in early February, usually in a fairly spectacular fashion.

Dull

This, of course, means that for the next three weeks or so, my life will be almost as painfully dull as yours — so don't expect any miracles on this page.

Indeed, if I manage to keep the gig at all it will be an achievement in itself — so I may call upon some of the guest columnists that I have made up over the past few months to entertain you instead.

Next week, I might even get somebody who will take her kit off, if only to please the sad rural gentlemen who regularly write to me with just that request.

But what of the stars? I hear you cry, albeit

FIONA LOONEY
Playback



metaphorically. What are their new year's resolutions? Well, I rang a few well-known celebrities to ask them just that, but none of them were in. Except Donnacha O'Duelling. He may have been in, but since I had the wrong number, I can't say for sure.

All of which means that I've watched more television in the past week than most people see in a year.
January is always a great month on the box, with a plethora of new series starting up, and some old favourites returning to haunt your troubled soul.

Dreadful

Morse was, sadly, a bit predictable, and Poirot was downright dreadful; but there was Spender and Minder and a couple of reasonable new comedies, and a re-run of Brides of Christ (the one where the nun gets the old leg over).

Also, there was Sean Hughes' debut on the BBC, which was much, much better than I'd expected, even if it featured more celebrities than the Betty Ford Clinic in January.

And then there are all the new holiday shows, which brought us to beautiful places that don't actually look like that when you get there.

Like, you know that ad for Bounty, the one with that bloke with the piercing blue eyes and that girl who arrive on a beach in search of paradise and find it in a chocolate bar? Well, I was on that beach, and the only thing I found was that the sand was so gritty it hurt to walk on, and the sunbeds were really dear. Paradise, my arse.

And yep, that's how Dublin appeared in Channel 4's Travelog the other night. Liam O'Maonail gave an earnest English reporter a brief tour of the city, beginning with a swim in the Forty Foot, and ending with a session outside — I think — the Brazen Head.

Along the way, we saw Moore Street, some galleries that I never knew existed, and Temple Bar (get the finger out, CIE, where's our bus station?). This was a different and original feature on Dublin, and if I didn't

already live here, I'd come on holidays.

However, since I do live here, come summer I'll be going as far away as possible in the opposite direction.

Cork's two out of three

COULD this be Cork's year?

Already, the southern capital can claim the first two Irish hit singles of the year, with both the Frank and Walters and the Sultans of Ping FC featuring on Top of the Pops this week.

This is a truly massive achievement in today's frozen musical climate, and congrats to all involved, and to the people of Cork for producing two such excellent combos. What a pity Millstreet will soon make the county the laughing stock of the world.

It was with great sadness that I learned this week of the death of Rudolf Nureyev. Nureyev was one of the great talents of the twentieth century — I once saw him dance at Covent Garden, and it was a truly uplifting experience.

Obviously, I've just made that up. I wouldn't recognise ballet if it split its thighs in front of me.

I'll tell you what I do know a lot about, though. Art. And it's crap. I saw the Turner exhibition about two years ago, my one and only visit to the National Gallery, and it was a load of rubbish.

They only put out the Turners for one month of the year in case they fade — let them fade, I say, and then re-use the canvases for something useful, like making beer tents. You know it makes sense.

AND what of the Norwegians who this week became the first men in history to ski solo and unaided to the South Pole? What a profoundly mad cove he must be. Does he know about drink?

All the same, there's a grand stretch in the evenings now, isn't there?

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MY LIFE



BY JEFFREY BERNARD

WHERE I live in Hampstead is off the beaten track and no place in which to be ill. You could lie here at death's door for a week without anyone knowing. I have done just that. For the first three bedridden days I didn't have a bite to eat. I didn't dare go out for fear of the cold and for fear of slipping on the ice. Then I had an expensive brainwave. I telephoned a cab firm and asked them to bring me two pints of milk. I didn't know that the stuff could taste like nectar but so it should at £6 a quart.

On the fourth day I rose from the dead so to speak and went to the Shaftesbury Theatre to see Peter O'Toole perform in a preview of Jeffery Bernard Is Unwell. What a well-named play. I went round to see him in his dressing room before curtain up. What did surprise me and gratify me was the fact that the theatre was packed.

I wasn't expecting that for a preview for a comeback. At the end of the night I felt on the verge of collapse and went home thinking another week in bed with quantities of milk should do the trick. But it was not to be. In the morning the BBC sent a car to take me to Broadcasting House to do my stint on Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley was delightful and made me feel at home in double quick time. When I sat down at the table with the microphones she produced a bottle of vodka and another of soda. I said how very nice of her and she said: "Well, we do our research and anyway it's St. Valentine's Day." She didn't pull any punches in her introduction to me for listeners. Between the records I'm afraid that I fumbled with words a little in reply to her questions, but I had after all been living on milk for some days.

Anyway, it is another silly pipe dream fulfilled. I can't really understand why I have always wanted to go on that programme so much but I suppose it has a cachet of sorts. The records I chose, by the way, could be described as being extremely heavy and if you don't like classical music I would advise you to give it a miss. I have devised a programme for television which would be quite horrendous. It would be called This Is Your Wife. The idea of my three ex-wives appearing to tell the sordid truth makes my hair stand on end and I am sure they would leap at the chance to do so.

THE beautiful wife of star goalie Hans Segers has given him a yellow card after he two-timed her.

And she has threatened him with a red card sending him off for good if he strays again.

Blonde model Astrid Segers said: "I've given him a second chance.

"But in six months' time, if I don't love him any more, that's it."

Astrid kicked out the 29-year-old Wimbledon international just after Christmas when she discovered he had had a fling with a girl he met in a pub.

Crying

"He was a bad boy. I asked him to leave," said Astrid, 25, who comes from handy Hans' home town of Eindhoven in Holland.

She says she allowed him back when he promised to stay outside in the future.

"He was ever so sorry. He was crying like a little boy and said he

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never wanted it to happen."

Astrid added from her home in Fleet, Hampshire: "He says he never cared about her.

"He says he needed someone to look after him, to give him a bit of love and probably she was the right person.

"I was never here, that's how he put it. I tried to understand it. We

were living next to each other rather than with each other.

"We were neglecting each other, really.

"When I found out, he had already stopped the affair.

"I feel betrayed, but he says he's going to make it worthwhile."

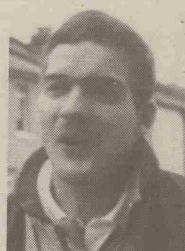
Hans, who has been a Dutch international, and

Astrid were childhood sweethearts from the age of 13.

They have been married nearly six years and have two children, Brigitte, three, and Nicky, five.

Hans, who joined Wimbledon from Nottingham Forest in 1988, said: "I know the girl who I met, I know her very well.

"I'm a happily married man. I'm very happy at the moment."



Sorry - Hans Segers



Warning - wife Astrid

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A caning for Miss Scarlett



Scarlett - birched maid
By JOHN KELLY

A KINKY "school-mistress" who canes men and women for cash has been convicted of birching her maid on her bare buttocks.

Mary Scarlett was brought to court after twice being exposed by the Sunday Mirror.

Last week Scarlett, named as Maria da Colwyn, was given a two-month suspended sentence and fined £100 after pleading guilty to assaulting ex-servant Sophia Jones.

A court in Dungloe, County Donegal, heard how Sophia, 21, fled to a police station, where a WPC witnessed bruises on her buttocks.

Scarlett, who is in her mid-thirties, runs a "spanking school" in Chesterton, near Cambridge University, after closing a similar school in Ireland following our expose of Sophia's ordeal.

Sophia now has an office job in Blackburn, Lancashire.



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I WAS A SLAVE IN THE HOUSE OF SCARLETT

Maid reveals reality of a prim Victorian mansion

THE elegant, remote Victorian house seemed the perfect escape from the modern world. The women who ran it claimed to have opted out of 20th century life.

They shunned modern conveniences and dressed in old-fashioned clothes. But the "gentrified" lifestyle hid a bizarre female sect which believes in schoolgirl-type beatings and other punishments.

The Sunday Mirror infiltrated the house to reveal that the sisterhood involved, who have been featured on TV and in magazines, run a sordid hideaway where women:

- Pay £50 a night to indulge in canings.
- Dress up as schoolgirls in a mock classroom where they are disciplined by teacher.
- Have to rise before dawn to cook, clean and scrub the house.
- Eat dog scraps disguised as spicy food as an extra punishment.

The house, St Bride's in Co. Donegal, Ireland, has been featured in the Spectator and the Sunday Telegraph because of its old-world lifestyle.

But it also advertises in sex magazines like Forum for: "Maid-servant training and strict Victorian schooling."

LIVE-IN maid-servant also required for female Victorian household in Ireland.

Bleak and remote, it stands above the fishing village of Burtonport.

Callers are answered by a woman in maid's uniform. Locals are used to women shopping in town wearing Victorian clothes.

Inside, modern contraptions like television are banned. Electricity is rarely used.

But the peace can be disturbed by muffled screams and howls late into the night.

One former tenant, 23-year-old Sophia Jones has revealed how she became the housemaid - and was caned.

The former art student lived at the house with Mary Scarlett, who said she was an Oxford graduate, and Priscilla Langridge for 15 months.

SHE left after discovering they were involved in pornography.

Sophia originally went to the house because she was interested in the idea of returning to Victorian values to



Beatings - Sophia

EXCLUSIVE By JOHN KELLY



Mistress of the manor - Miss Scarlett with her 1948 Austin outside St Bride's

find inner peace and fulfilment.

"I wrote several letters to Mary Scarlett saying how interested I was in her ideas. Eventually, I visited her several times over a year at St. Brides," she said.

"Nothing seemed out of place, although now I realise just how stupid I was.

"People will be shocked when they find out what really goes on in their house.

"I was told I would be the maidservant and would have to dress accordingly.

"There was a strict pecking order with Mary Scarlett as mistress and Priscilla Langridge as her deputy. A Miss Raynor, the house-

keeper, was my immediate boss.

"We all existed frugally. The rooms were cold and damp, the food was horrible - we ate heavily spiced dog-scraps.

"Things went wrong when Miss Raynor left and I was taken under the wing of Mistress Scarlett. That was when the beatings started.

IF I answered back or did the slightest thing wrong she'd say she would punish me.

"But she would never say when. Every time she called me I would be terrified that I was going to get the cane or birch but she would

leave me hanging on for hours or days.

"She would take me to my bedroom and make me lie down on the bed, lift my underclothes and cane me on my bottom or the tops of my thighs.

"Or she would take me to a mock classroom and make me bend over a desk and cane me on my backside. I had to apologise for my misdemeanour, thank her for my punishment, curtsy and leave the room.

"I had been brainwashed into their way of life.

"I hated the beatings, but I didn't think anything was wrong.

"I used to hear Mary Scarlett shouting at

Priscilla at night and Priscilla whimpering in a little girl's voice.

"Then I would hear the swish of the cane and Priscilla's cries."

Sophia realised the truth about the house when she discovered some porn magazines they had advertised in.

Sophia ran away and was taken in by an Irish family who helped her get back to her home in Bolton, near Manchester.

St Bride's advertises in sex magazines under corporal punishment sections. Porn merchants in Denmark include it in their "Tour of the World" guides.

We sent two women reporters to the school who were told by Scarlett: "There is nothing like a good thrashing to cleanse the soul."

SHE insisted they wore suspenders and stockings and said they would be birched or caned if they were "naughty".

They had to sign a form consenting to corporal punishment.

Our reporters had to wear schoolgirl tunics and were ordered to clean the house.

Next they were taken to a "classroom" where two canes hung from the wall.

When they got something wrong, they were thrashed on the hands.

Both were forced to say "Thank you, Ma'am" after they were beaten.

They spent one night in freezing bedrooms before fleeing the next morning.

Irish police confirmed they were investigating Sophia Jones' complaint of assault.

When the Sunday Mirror confronted Scarlett, she said: "How dare you send girls here. I suppose they were using false names."



Quaint facade - Miss Scarlett (seated) is served tea by Sophia watched by a masked Miss Langridge

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IS it safe to come out now?

For the past few weeks, I've been holed up in the Ailwee Caves trying to avoid the World Cup.

Don't get me wrong. I'm proud of the lads, over the moon at their achievement, and all that. It's just that I've always been numbered among the DICS of this world (Dead Ignorant Concerning Soccer) and ever since Spring, there's been no place for us DICS to hide.

Nobody wants to hold a conversation with someone who thinks Bonner is the singer with U2, Cascarino is a fancy coffee, and Maradona recorded 'Like A Virgin'.

Ostracised by society, shunned at parties, I began to feel like the most unpopular person in Ireland.

Well, the SECOND most unpopular.

But we'll come to Ray Burke later.

ACCORDING to South Africa's biggest paper, *The Star*, Nelson Mandela has developed a slight case of pneumonia... and he says it all started when he caught a cold in Ireland.

Well, admittedly the atmosphere did turn distinctly icy in Dublin when the ANC man suggested that Margaret Thatcher have a quiet chat with the guys holding the smoking Armalites.

Next time, he should bring his thermal underwear. After all,



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everyone agrees he was badly briefed.

A LANDMARK decision in the courts has ruled that relationships are null and void if one of the partners is impotent. But a Government spokesman has stressed that this does not apply to the PD Party in Coalition.

JOKE currently going the rounds at Montrose:

What's the difference between Ray Burke and a Rotweiler?

Not everyone at RTE has been savaged by a Rotweiler.

BY accident, two large posters have been pasted up side-by-side in Newry, Co. Down. One features a rock group, the other advertises a local nursery. Together, they read: "Hot House Flowers... Unusual Shrubs, first right."

'LIES! BLINKY WAS NO RAT!'

By PAUL WILLIAMS and SEAN BOYNE

THE widow of William 'Blinky' Doyle the bank raider shot dead by gardai last week, has claimed that attempts have been made to blacken his name.

In her first interview since the incident, mother of three Frances Doyle hotly denied claims that her late husband was a drug smuggler, or that he had been an informer.

Doyle, along with fellow hood Thomas Wilson, died in a shootout at Fairview, Dublin on Friday of last week following a bank robbery at Leixlip.

Breaking her silence in an interview with SUNDAY WORLD Doyle's heartbroken widow claimed: "A lot of lies have been told about him but he was never a rat. If he had been co-operating with the gardai why was he in jail?"

"And the stories about William being a drug smuggler are just not true... he was never outside the country in his life."

The tall, attractive Dublin woman did admit that her husband had been a heroin user but strenuously denied that he was a smuggler or a dealer.

Frances Doyle had been married to William Doyle for 15 years — she says she

Slain robber's

angry widow breaks her silence



The home of slain bank robber Blinky Doyle at Lough Conn Road, Ballyfermot.

EXCLUSIVE

knew him better than anyone.

"No one knows him like me — he wasn't a tough criminal like people have said — he had a heart of gold and just got in with the wrong people," she claimed.

"He was a good husband

and a good father."

Frances Doyle received the shock news of her husband's death shortly after the shootout in Fairview when four Gardai called to her home in Ballyfermot.

She and her three sons have been shattered by



Flashback to last week's story.

Doyle's death and are still being comforted by friends and relatives.

Mrs Doyle did not deny that her late husband was involved in crime.

Doyle served a number of sentences for armed robberies and was out on bail awaiting trial for a £60,000 hold-up in Newbridge last October.

He was also due to be charged in connection with another armed robbery in Celbridge last year.

SUNDAYWORLD learned that following a robbery in which Doyle was involved, gardai recovered the money that had been taken.

Some criminals still at large suspected that Doyle told the gardai where the money was stashed — although there was no hard evidence to substantiate this belief.

There is no evidence either that Doyle actually informed on any of his mates.

However, according to a number of Garda sources a north Dublin crime figure

ordered that Doyle be "hit" while on remand in Mountjoy.

Prison authorities this week confirmed to SUNDAY WORLD that "Blinky" was attacked and slashed with a razor during a fracas in the prison about two months ago.

During the early '80s Doyle's name was linked with the notorious Dunne family. He was busted in 1982 by the Drug Squad after £120,000 worth of heroin was found in a lock-up jointly leased by him.

Doyle was later cleared when it was found that Garda search warrants were defective although his partner in the lock-up garage — Edward Johnson of Fatima Mansions — got 12 years for possession of nearly £500,000 worth of heroin.

Doyle is understood to have met Thomas Wilson, the ex-Provo from Co. Antrim, while the two were on remand in B Wing at Mountjoy.

GIRL (8) IN COURT ON TV SPONGING CHARGE!

A LITTLE Donegal girl who answered the door to a TV licence inspector found herself in court — charged with being a SPONGER.

The last sitting of Raphoe District Court was stunned to hear the child's solicitor John Bosco Doherty reveal that the named defendant was only EIGHT years old.

Earlier that day the case over the non-payment of the licence fee had come before Justice Liam O. McMenamin and it was not contested.

The justice imposed a £50 fine, with £20 costs plus witness expenses.

But shortly afterwards the bizarre circumstances were brought to his atten-

tion by solicitor Doherty. Mr. Doherty said that he had just been informed of the girl's age and that it was she who had opened the door to the TV licence inspector.

The girl's father, who was with her in court, had only

received the summons the day before the case, Mr. Doherty said.

The child's mother had originally received the summons from her daughter, but was in Dublin at the time of the case, and according to Mr. Doherty,

had "neglected" to post it on to her husband.

The father only discovered the situation the day before the court sitting.

The TV licence inspector was in court when the case came up first... but had left by the time the strange

story came to light.

The Justice then reduced the fine to £36 plus costs, but solicitor Mr. Doherty asked whether the summons would not be invalid.

But the Justice told him: "You can appeal it to me Circuit Court if you wish."



Caning case adjourned

AN assault charge against an eccentric English woman who wears outdated Victorian clothes was adjourned until October at a Donegal court this

week.

The woman, Miss Terrel, was due to appear in Dungloe District Court in connection with the alleged caning of English girl Sophie Brown, from Bolton, at a Burtonport house called St. Bride's School.

Miss Terrel was charged under the name Marita de

Colwyn but also used the alias Margaret Scarlett.

She is "mistress" at St. Bride's where girls learn to become housemaids and abide by a strict code of Victorian Discipline.

Miss Terrel was questioned after Sophie Brown complained to local Gardai that she had been caned.

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Row over commune's boat rocks picturesque village



• Ann Barr laughs as she tells of the scuffle at the yacht club while she planes the Screamer's boat.



• Ann's former lover - Scott Kipling his new girlfriend was hit.

HOLIDAY-makers were amazed when they saw a group of people scuffling outside an international sailing club in Baltimore — a picturesque part of south west Cork described as paradise because of its peace and tranquillity.

On one side in the melee which had tourists' eyes popping were Donegal women Mary Kelly and Anne Barr, members of the colourful Atlantic's Community 'The Screamers' which has its Irish base at Burtonport near Dungloe in Co. Donegal.

Scuffling with them was Anne's former lover, blond Englishman Scott Kipling (22) and his new French girlfriend Odile, an instructor at Glenane Sailing School.

The row, which is being investigated by local police, was allegedly over property in

the community's camp on the beach at Baltimore not far from the sailing school in a converted railway station.

Both sides blame the other for starting the fracas.

Later the same day there was another amazing scene when the women, joined by Becky James, daughter of Jenny James the colourful cult leader who's now in South America, tried to de-bag Scott.

"But by that time it was all a bit of a joke and we were only trying to take his trousers off as a prank", Anne Barr said.

Treatment

Her former boyfriend said he had to receive medical treatment for injuries he received in the affray with the two women and is threatening legal action against them.

Mary Kelly from Ramelton Co. Donegal, a long time member of the cult group — nicknamed The Screamers for the confrontational type of therapy they use to get rid of aggression — said she'd gone to talk face to face with Scott about tools from their boat beached at

Baltimore for refitting.

"I only wanted to ask him about money I felt he owed us but he hid behind his new girlfriend and wouldn't talk face to face with me", Mary said.

Joined

She admits: "I reached across and pulled him out from behind Odile to talk to him directly and there was a scuffle during which the French girl got a skelp from the side of my hand."

"If he'd stood up and talked to me like a man none of this would ever have happened" she said in Burtonport where she returned last week.

Scott joined up with the Atlantis commune through his relationship with Ann Barr two years ago and was part of a "Screamers" team which last Christmas took back the Burtonport house from the "Spankers" — a strange sado-masochist cult of women who dressed in Victorian

garb and have been linked to sex discipline sessions advertised in kinky magazines.

Earlier this year Scott went with Anne Barr to work on a boat being refitted at Baltimore to sail to South America where Jenny James has set up a new Atlantis Commune base in Colombo.

Both he and Anne admit they were lovers until recently when he quit the group to work at the nearby sailing school and started a relationship with the French woman Odile.

Disputed

He said he expected to be eventually paid for the work he'd done or at least to be made captain of the vessel. But he said both Anne and Becky James changed their minds about this.

He denied he took a disputed dinghy and tools from the commune claiming the girls were actually holding tools belonging to

Irish sailors join in rush to meet agency's Russian lovelies



• One of the Russian girls featured in last week's SUNDAY WORLD.

IRISH soldiers and sailors are among the dozens of local lads queuing up to meet

Russian beauties.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the Cork based introduction agency Checkmate claimed it had received at most two hundred enquiries following last week's SUNDAY WORLD story.

Russian women originally contacted Checkmate looking to meet Irish men who they considered were more "romantic and tolerant" than vodka-swilling boorish Russian males.

Among the 200 Irish males who want to meet with Slavic beauties from the former USSR there are numerous applications from "Haibowine" naval base and from the Irish Army's military base at Galway.

According to a spokesman for Checkmate, "Ninety per cent of the inquiries come from professional people and from the farming community."

He said the Irish males would be meeting with the Russians in the near future and he said he couldn't say at present whether they would be coming to Ireland or the men would be going to the former USSR.

The spokesman reiterated that the Cork based Checkmate was not a dating agency nor a marriage bureau. "We are an introduction service," he said.

"Our task is to introduce couples to each other and we don't believe in computer matching," he added. "Anyone interested in meeting girls from Russia and the former Eastern Bloc countries they should contact Helen or Bill on Cork (021) 988843."

Property

Anne says the ill-feeling has nothing to do with her break-up with Scott. "It's all to do with property."

Scott says he left Anne because he wanted a stable relationship but she didn't.

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PUBLICANS CAUGHT IN 'OUTLAW PHONES' FIASCO

By EDDIE ROWLEY

UNSUSPECTING publicans around the country have been caught up in a multi-million pound illegal phones fiasco, a SUNDAY WORLD investigation has revealed.

They have forked out hundreds of pounds installing modern pay-phones that are outlawed by the Department of Communications.

The unapproved phones were flogged to pubs, clubs and restaurants nationwide by a number of independent companies that have sprung up since Telecom Eireann lost its telephone monopoly last year.

And yesterday, the Department of Communications told SUNDAY WORLD they have already taken up the matter with "alleged offenders."

Some pub owners unwittingly installed the illegal Solitaire 280 and Solitaire 280C units after being promised that the phones would ring up handsome profits.

Shocked publican Bernard Lynch of the 'Cuckoo's Nest' in Dublin's Greenhills Road, Tallaght, said yesterday: "We had no idea the phones were illegal. We have paid £1,800 for two Solitaire 280 units,

but we weren't happy with them anyway.

"Customers have been complaining that they cannot dial the operator on them and they can't make calls outside Ireland. The salesman thought it was a fault in the units and could be rectified."

Mr. Lynch revealed that he signed the deal for the pay-phones after the salesman provided a list of other top Dublin pubs that had installed the units.

He added that he will be taking the matter up with the Department of Communications in a bid to

sort out the mess.

The matter was brought to the attention of SUNDAY WORLD by a Dublin businessman who had expressed an interest in becoming a distributor for the Solitaire range of payphones.

He was clearly informed, in a letter from the respectable English-based company, Rathdown Industries Limited, which supplies the units, that:

"The Solitaire 280 and 280C units could be adapted to take Irish coins, but are otherwise the standard UK models."



One of the illegal pay phones.

The company stressed their "inability to charge correctly for international calls, etc."

And Rathdown added: "The acceptability and use of the product must remain the responsibility of the

purchaser."

A spokesman for the Department of Communications said yesterday: "Terminal equipment for connection to the Public Services Telecommunications Network (PSTN) must be the type approved by the Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communications."

"The supply, installation and maintenance of such equipment is subject to licensing by the Minister under Section 111(2) of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act, 1983."

"Where reports of

unlicensed activities are received here in the Department and individual and/or firms are named, the Department takes up the matter with the alleged offenders.

"A number of such reports have been received in relation to the Solitaire 280C payphones and have been followed up as indicated above," the spokesman added.

"While this model is currently being tested in one of the Test Houses, it is confirmed that it has not yet been approved for connection to the PSTN."

Ma'am lashed bare servant

A SELF-STYLED head mistress, convicted this week of caning a girl's buttocks, said she has no immediate plan to re-open her strict Victorian school in Co. Donegal.

Maria da Colwyn, principal of St. Bride's School for Young Ladies in Burtonport, got a two-month suspended jail sentence at Dungloe Court. She was also fined £100.

The court heard how English student Sophia Jones, 21 at the time, was stripped and lashed with a birch for breaking school rules.

A ban-garda later found welts, bruises and discolouration on Ms Jones' buttocks and thighs.

This week, Ms da Colwyn, who is now living in England, told SUNDAY WORLD she and her staff might return to the now-closed Donegal school in a few months time.

She said she had no plans to re-launch it as a school run along Victorian lines with mistress-servant style discipline. However, she didn't rule it out completely.

Stripped

Earlier the court heard how Sophia Jones, who has since returned to England, was stripped and beaten in November 1989.

The court was told how the girl was forced to seek sanctuary with local Gardaí after she fled the school in fear.

Justice Liam McMenamin described Ms. da Colwyn's behaviour as "irrational" and said it appeared to him there had been some degree of collaboration by Ms. Jones in the discipline sessions.

Ms. da Colwyn, who was not in court, admitted yesterday that the school had advertised in certain sex magazines.

But she also claimed it was advertised in very respectable British newspapers.

She admitted disciplining the girl, but said no secret was ever made of the fact that people who broke the rules were caned.

Ms da Colwyn said she'd been unable to return to Ireland for the court hearing because of business interests.

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g with Sunday

Demand to shop is there

ON the Sunday before Christmas millions of people visited the 160,000 shops which opened for business in England and Wales. There is no doubt at all that huge demand now exists for people to be allowed to shop on a Sunday.

Times have changed since 1950 when the current Shops Act became law. More than three times as many women now have jobs, and shopping is now more than ever carried out at weekends by the whole family.

The law has become discredited. It has been described by the Prime Minister John Major as bizarre, and it is so full of anomalies that the only way local councils could enforce it fairly would be to employ an army of snooper.

If the supermarkets are trading illegally, then so is every other store right down to your local corner shop.

The Home Secretary has told Parliament that the law will be reformed and that he will give MPs a free choice to decide what they want. Meanwhile, the larger retailers, working through the Shopping Hours Reform Council, have put forward their own compromise proposals.

By Chris Davies
Northern
Organiser,
Shopping Hours
Reform Council



We say that small shops should have complete freedom to choose whether to open on a Sunday, and that large stores should be able to open for a limited period.

We argue strongly that shopworkers should have legal protection giving them the absolute right to decline Sunday work without fear for their jobs, and that those who do choose to work on a Sunday should be paid at a premium rate.

Indeed, it's worth emphasising that the large retailers are telling the Government loud and clear that they want shopworkers to have legal protections. It is the Conservative Ministers who are dragging their feet and must be made to see sense.

These proposals meet the needs of consumers, of shopkeepers and of shopworkers. They will ensure that Sunday retains a quite distinct

character of its own. They will provide a legal solution which is permanent, practical and popular.

The Keep Sunday Special Campaign, whose supporters are determined to make Sunday the most dull day of the week, is supported by only a small minority but is determined to impose its view upon the rest of us.

They are strongly backing a Private Member's Bill which is to be debated in the House of Commons tomorrow.

It aims to close on Sundays all large corner shops, convenience stores, video-hire shops, and garage shops above 1,500 square feet in size.

It will shut most garden centres and farm shops, as well as Sunday markets, antique fairs, DIY stores, supermarkets, estate agents and stores selling furniture, carpets, toys, electrical and household goods.

The message is clear. If the majority do not make their views known, others will impose their views on them. If you want to continue to enjoy the freedom to shop on a Sunday, write and tell that to your MP, now!

On to a 'war footing'

By John Alexander
Keep Sunday
Special
Campaign Retail
Co-ordinator



but fighting a clean fight does not mean we abandon the skills and ingenuity needed to expose the falsehoods of the opposition.

Dr Schuler says the KSSC plans DO include an array of suggestions for sensible Sunday trading.

Despite emphasising that recreational, emergency, leisure and travel outlets will not be affected, the campaign is still dubbed by a largely hostile media as "Sabbatarian, out of touch and determined to keep Britain in the 19th century."

"This is just so far from the truth," says Dr Schluter. "We have bent over backwards to make sure that the Shops (Amendment) Bill, being considered as a private members bill tomorrow takes into account as many of the needs of retailers as is humanly possible."

Another of the campaign team's problems has been to counter the Government's strategy which has been to appear open-handed while doing almost everything in its power to bring about the total deregulation of Sunday trading by default.

Ever since he became Home Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, has used the argument that a decision in the European Court of Justice, would decide the issue of whether the supermarkets were acting illegally, while knowing quite well that the Shops Act 1950 was still operative.

Just before the European Court washed its hands of the matter and told England to look after its own Sunday trading laws, Mr Clarke was still making statements about the law being "in abeyance" and seemed moved when his officials had to describe the statement as "a slip of the tongue".

The essential question posed will be: "Are you prepared to destroy our one peaceful leisure-orientated family day to satisfy a small number of large retailers and those who want the freedom to shop on Sunday despite the inconvenience caused to the majority?"

What is needed is a new judicial system and enough jails to hold the culprits. The time for turning the other cheek is well gone and it's about time that people who act like animals are treated like sternly.

I realise that if there is no change within the reasonably foreseeable future, a state of anarchy is possible.

It is only when the punishment fits the crime that a state of peace can be achieved. Today's magistrates appear to be out of touch with life.

A.S.B.
Sunderland

Anarchy looms

I agree with Time for change (Jan. 15) that law and order is a shambles, but to blame the Government can only be the thought of a prejudiced mind.

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No to metric

OUR ancient system of weights and measures is under attack by those who want us to adopt a metric system.

Members of the Anti-Metric Society believe that Imperial weights and measures are an important part of our culture and seek to halt and reverse, the tide of metrication.

Anyone who agrees with these aims is invited to write to me for details. John Jordan
membership secretary, The Anti-Metric Society, BM Perfect, London WC1N 3XX

Frank Entwistle



Where are the carollers?

NOW that Twelfth Night is two weeks behind us, I assume I am not breaching some obscure superstition by asking — what happened to the carol singers this Christmas?

Hallowe'en is a comparatively recent celebration in these parts. But in our Tyneside terrace on Hallowe'en 1992 there was no rest from the doorbell.

First came two small parties — boys then girls — whose faces were masked but whose clear voices we recognised from up and down the street.

Next the local bandits, all male, juvenile and mildly aggressive but easier to handle than the gang of the previous year who announced they were "hard lads from the Meadow Well", and suggested they should "protect" the whole street's windows. They were seen off by the neighbourhood watch.

But where were this year's carol singers? We missed them.

In my Fulwell childhood carols were a sweet delight. We learned them at home of course, and from Miss Boyle, Miss Bakke, Miss Stokoe, Miss Newby and Miss Warrington, at Fulwell Infants on wonderfully dark winter afternoons.

There was a Christmas tree in what passed for the hall but Christmas was most exciting on one's own territory, in the classroom we had decorated with green and red crepe paper and crayon snowscapes with gaudy winter sunsets, and which it never occurred to us we would ever leave.

Slates were rubbed clean and put away. The high gas lamps breathed, and cast that gentle light now long extinguished. The blacksmith across the road marked the pauses in our piping with his anvil chime. And if you listened hard and used your imagination you could make yourself believe you could hear the cattle lowing at Ebdon's Farm next door. Like in the hymn.

I do not idealise. They were indeed gentler times. We believed in the magic for it was all around us in the embracing dark. And we had not yet been touched by lies.

When Miss Bakke showed us a coloured picture of light from a castle window falling on snow, and a red-robed king setting off towards the forest with a bundle of sticks and a pageboy, we really believed that was Good King Wenslers last looking out.

Everyone's two favourites were Once in Royal David's City where stood that lowly cattle shed, and Away in a Manger.

The words were not geographically understood. They were part of the music that meant Christmas in our small world of Fulwell with Tiger Tim's Annual in the lighted post office window and the sixpenny Christmas club at Lynas's. Something of the kind must have been happening from Hendon Valley to James William Street and Diamond Hall.

It was not only schoolchildren who went carolling through the gaslit streets. Every church and chapel had its band of singers — we still called them *waits* after the publicly owned wind instruments their forebears had played in the 18th century.

Those choirs, full of ginger wine and almond icing, stamped their feet, threw back their heads and opened their throats in street after street until the small hours of Christmas Day.

Which reminds me that my favourite and most English carol, the one that still moves me, goes: "Past three o'clock on a cold frosty morning ... Past three o'clock ... Goodmorrow masters."

I can still hear the clatter of shoes coming down our pavement and I remember always hoping they would stop below my window and sing it. Then the shuffling and whispering. Then the first note.

In default this year I looked out a set of tapes

Such groups hailed Christmas morning until the late 1950s. My squire-like, one-legged, barrel-chested old landlord in north London always had sherry, hot punch and a cheque for the muffled tribe of waits who came in off the Heath each Christmas Eve and sang as the firelight glimmered on his Georgian silver.

In default of real carollers this year I looked out a set of tapes I had lacked the malice to review when I received it a couple of years ago.

I read the cassette labels: "Sleigh Ride by Johnny Mathis, Winter Wonderland, Frosty the Snowman, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. And that tedious Little Drummer Boy."

Most of the old ones were there if you searched them out. But — oh lord! — so was "I Saw Mummys Kissing bloody Santa Claus."

No wonder the carollers — those dear, good, innocent, happy people — have passed into the night.

WITH missiles on Baghdad and the Ark sailing east there is talk in Westminster about forming a war cabinet. Well there would be, wouldn't there?

There is a sort of politician whose nostrils stiffen at the first whiff of cordite, however comfortably distant from Big Ben.

All the old nostalgia for hectic Falklands days — or even for that 100-hour American spraying-and-boozing job they had the nerve to call a war two years ago — stiffens the pin-stripes wonderfully don't-you-know.

It's funny how these chaps never think of the Somme (420,000 British casualties in three months) or any of the bloody humiliations of "the last lot."

This column tries to avoid the "I-told-you-so" school of journalism, chiefly because it can also get things wrong.

However, in the circumstances it is probably a duty to recite the words I put down in this space five months ago. They seem even more pertinent today.

I had referred to those two rounds fired by a fanatical student at a European aristocrat on a June morning in Sarajevo 78 years before. Two bullets that led to the deaths of millions, changed our world for ever, and which may not yet have claimed their last corpses.

"Sometimes during this fifth summer," I wrote on August 20, 1992 "I have felt — I have feared — that once more we are being drawn by some irrational power into a distant quarrel ... A quarrel we cannot possibly still ... The far off consequences of which we cannot foresee."

If any people will discourage the nonsense of a premature war cabinet playing power games it will be the professional military men.

Darkest hour

I HAVE sympathy with your correspondent Time for Change (Jan. 15). Law and order in this country is a shambles.

The only thing I take issue with is the implication that things are as bad as they are through "negligence."

Crime escalation and its scope and scale have compelled me to examine again the possible causes.

The frightening fact one has to face is that something like a deliberate and powerful onslaught is being directed at society. It appears to have begun at the end of the last war and to have continued to gather momentum ever since. Its aim is no less than the destruction of western civilisation.

The truth is easily deduced from the evidence all around us. The young are separated from the general body of society and given their own inverted "culture" and "norms". Family life is shattered, sexual licence encouraged, religion ridiculed, violence extolled, drugs peddled even to schoolchildren, sexual deviancy "celebrated as normal", crime promoted by over-lenient laws and ineffective sanctions.

Everything, it seems, that binds the

nation together has been singled out for destruction and the result is what we see, the wholesale disintegration of society.

The times we live in are dreadful — and Godless! Yet God waits on the periphery of things.

Perhaps the best that people of goodwill can do is to take fresh hope from this and from knowing that it is the darkest hour that precedes the dawn.

Christian
Sunderland

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Letters to the Editor

On the treasure trail to boost tourism

Promoting Brid our ultimate aim, says BHGHA press officer Norma Curtis:

I WOULD like to point out that, when the Treasure trail competition was first discussed at the marketing forum, the Bridlington Hotel and Guest House Association offered to donate the prize from its own funds, as a gesture of support for the EYBC tourism department, and the holiday trade in general.

The competition is open to anyone staying in the borough, in flats, campsites or hotels, which advertise in the Bridlington and Wolds Guide 1993.

Naturally having funded the prize the BHGHA felt it was fitting that the holiday prize should be taken in one of its members' establishments.

Although our membership has donated the prize, the ultimate aim of us all is to promote Bridlington and the Wolds and this marketing initiative was seen as a new approach which will result in new publicity and public relations opportunities which will benefit us all.

Norma Curtis,
Press Officer BHGHA,
37 Windsor Crescent,
Bridlington.

Bravo, your Highness

Royal support questioned: THE Shetland Islands received Royal visitors to see for themselves the damage done by the Braer oil disaster to the Islanders, their environment and businesses and the resultant pollution. It was reported Prince Charles cast off his worries by helping kill a few deer in the snow covered Highlands on Thursday. Bravo! Your Highness.

Barrie Frost,
'Oakwood',
Watson's Lane,
Reighton.

Reunion

IN 1994 it is hoped to celebrate the 50th birthday of HMS Cavalier.

It is the last of the World War Two destroyers and is currently preserved by South Tyneside District Council for the nation's heritage.

To many ex-sailors HMS Cavalier is the symbol of the destroyers that kept the German U-boats at bay during the war. It is hoped to find as many as possible of the men who sailed in her.

Please write to the address below for information.

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Plymouth,
PL5 3DD.

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Call for moral renaissance

MIRRORING the incompetence of our rulers, law and order in Britain are in decay. Total anarchy, it seems, is nigh.

Indeed, between December 1991 and December 1992, according to a published report, there was a 10.8 per cent increase in serious crime — rape, murder, armed robbery, hard-drug pushing — above the previous year.

For those who love these islands, it is a depressing statistic.

Action, not talk, is needed. A first step to restoring law and order is for capital and corporal punishment — both proven deterrents — to be brought back. Then, quite obviously, there must be an improvement of moral standards, starting in the media and in the classroom and continuing through the entire fabric of British society. Respect, decency and commitment must be re-asserted.

Long-term unemployment, social and urban deprivation — these problems, the root cause of many crimes, must be tackled if law and order are to prevail.

To summarise, there must be a moral, social and economic renaissance.

Andrew Lightfoot,
17 Church Green,
Bridlington.

Robin Hood in reverse

I DO not hold a torch out for any of the existing political parties in this country. As an ordinary man in the street, I tend to believe it is time for change, in fact long overdue, to proportional representation or something similar.

In my lifetime I have seen the Labour party in government, making a right old mess of everything. Now we see the Conservatives in power looking after the rich and monetary classes. Since the Tories got in we've seen millions thrown out of work, factories bulldozed, redundancies galore, coal mines closed, all out war against the unions, plus thousands of married couples having mortgage problems.

To appease the rich the government has been tinkering with health service, shutting down mental hospitals, and geriatric hospitals, throughout the land.

Now they are putting pensioners through the hoop, by letting housing trusts charge whatever rent they want. It reminds me of Robin Hood in reverse.

Pensioners in bedsits or similar homes are being scalped by having to pay massive rents, poll tax, fuel charges. I am certain this country is not the country our politicians promised us after the last war, with all its law and order problems.

A Allison,
9 Middleton Court,
Bridlington.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crimebusters

YOUNG crimestoppers are organising a charity quiz night to raise cash for their organisation.

Bridlington Youth Crime Prevention panel is holding the event on March 11 at Duke's Bar, opposite the police station. Cost is £5 per team of four, with the overall winning team receiving a trophy donated by West Hill Residents' Association and Thomas Sports Equipment, Bridlington.

The group also plans a free cycle stamping session in the town centre, opposite McDonald's, on Saturday February 6, from 10am until 1pm.

For children

CASH grants from BBC Children in Need are on offer to voluntary groups in Bridlington.

Applications are invited from groups helping children under 18 with mental, physical or sensory disabilities, children living in poverty or deprivation or suffering from abuse or neglect.

Applications, available from East Yorkshire Council for Voluntary Services, must be sent in by March 30.

Crown court

BRIDLINGTON magistrates have committed Gavin Jenkinson to Hull Crown Court for trial. The 45-year-old, of Stotteleth, Flamborough, faces a charge of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and affray.

Caravan fire

A CARAVAN was completely burnt out while parked in the owner's garden. The fire took place at Field Road, Bridlington a week last Friday. Police are treating the matter as arson.

Granted

PERMISSION for a house and access on land to the south of Velela, Main Street, Lissett, has been granted by East Yorkshire planning committee.

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John Jordan,
Membership Secretary,
The Anti-Metric Society,
BM Perfect,
London, WC1N 3XX

For 43 years I thought it was a one off...

Memories of a marriage the likes of which could never happen again — could it?

IN THE Autumn of 1949 I worked as a liaison and welfare officer to the foreign workers in Lincolnshire.

It was at that time that my services as an interpreter were required to the following marriage ceremony.

The groom was a divorcee Roman Catholic Pole — the bride a Ukrainian Greek Catholic spinster. The couple wanted their marriage ceremony performed in the Christian Church and not the Registry Office, especially so because the Church they had chosen was offering a good background for the photograph.

No minister was prepared to perform the marriage ceremony until an Estonian Pastor thought it fit to marry them in Church. Accordingly, the vicar of the St Swin's Church, Lincoln, permitted the Church to be used. Here we had a divorcee Roman Catholic Pole marrying a Ukrainian Greek Catholic spinster and the ceremony performed by an Estonian Pastor.

Because of language difficulties, German language was used as the couple could not speak Estonian. The epilogue remained: The interpreter was doing his allotted task. The Pastor displayed his Christian gesture of love and forgiveness. The couple — they abandoned their creed to satisfy their vanity and hypocrisy.

For 43 years I thought that marriage was a one off — until the marriage which took place in Craithie Kirk, Scotland. J M V Krzanowski 18 Third Avenue Bridlington

● There goes the knight-hood — page 10.

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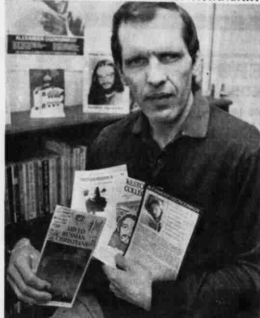
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Michael Haslam
Methodists welcomed
New Year

THE last evening of the old year was spent by White church Methodists at a Triffitt and Mr. David Hodges. The party was followed by a Watchnight service conducted by the Rev. Alan Triffitt, with hymns accompanied by Mr. R. Earl.

A Wendover man is set to start a campaign to free Russian Christians from living hell in Soviet prisons — from his wheelchair.

Mr. Michael Haslam, of The Beeches, is now chair-bound after developing a muscle wastage condition about four years ago. But the enterprising — and hopeful — Christian has been so moved by reports of one Russian prisoner in particular, Alexander Ogorodnikov — that he now hopes to start up a support group in Wendover.

Mr. Haslam has been a human rights supporter since he became a member of Keston College, a group of academics in Kent, in 1980.

Over the last few weeks he has been offering daily support by telephone to Athanasius Hart, the academic who faced in Keston College.

Antiques
M. and G.M. Bostel have applied to Aylesbury Vale District Council for permission to change the use of 16, Church Street, Brit. They want to change the present car showroom into an antiques showroom.

Choirboys wanted

THE Aylesbury Parish Church choir urgently needs more boys.

And organist and choir-master, Mr. Desmond Harvey, writing in the latest edition of the parish magazine, says any suggestion of membership of a church choir "civ" should be dispelled immediately.

"Many people are inclined to take their choirs for granted, little realising that each week some three hours' hard work goes into the preparation of each Sunday's music," he writes.

There is an immediate need for at least six boys to join the choir at the church which is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music.

Members of the Aylesbury choir have been invited to take part in a diamond jubilee service for the RSCM which is to be held at the Royal Albert Hall.

He believes that the church and its choirs represent the most ancient of all youth movements.

"New boys are always welcome at which the group which includes delegates from the C.B. Chambers of Commerce and Manufacturers associations, air their views on matters they believe to be important to them."

It is estimated the group represents some 40 per cent of the county's rateable income.

This appeal will, I hope, help the church encourage a high musical standard through a competent and keen choir. But to achieve this we urgently need more boys," he writes.

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Andrew Tyas, of Nairdwood Close, Prestwood is, among 60 youngsters chosen from an initial entry of 400 all hoping to help crew a specially built sail ship bought with a £1 million gift from the British government.

The change was agreed at the recent annual meeting of the national organisation in Birmingham.

At the local meeting — when members enjoyed festive games and an 'oldtime' sing-song — Mr. Walker said that new faces would be welcome at the next gathering on January 28 at Manor House, Aylesbury.

Sailing venture

A YOUNG adventurer from Prestwood is one step away from a passage to Sydney aboard a "tall ship" to help celebrate Australia's 200th birthday.

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Wheelchair fighter for Russian prisoners

during Advent, to show his solidarity with the Russian Christian.

But Alexander's suffering in prison has haunted Mr. Haslam ever since members of Keston College received a copy of a letter smuggled out to his mother.

Those are the words of Alexander Ogorodnikov, who has been in a Soviet prison since 1978, where he lives, in half darkness and surrounded by ice-covered walls and under threat from murderers while he is being to be shot.

But Alexander remains in prison, with the threat of further sentence, where he has lost most of his teeth, he is going blind and has had only one visitor since 1978.

Alexander's crime was that he believed in God. In 1973 he became a Christian after seeing the film *The Gospel According to St. Matthew*. He founded The Christian Seminar movement in the USSR, whereby young people could take part in Bible studies.

In 1978, he was sentenced to one year in prison for parasitism — for not having a job.

Earlier this year, it was reported that Alexander was re-sentenced to a further three years in a labour camp, which will precede his five years of exile.

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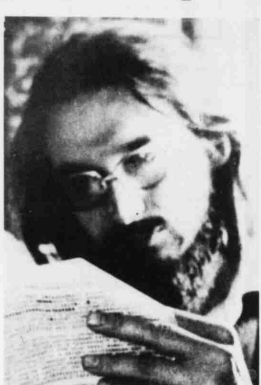
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Mr. Laurie Kelleher, prosecuting, said that Fitzpatrick was in a Ford Escort on the pavement near the Nag's Head public house, Cambridge Street, which he had just left.

He said two police officers approached the car and questioned him, believing he had been drinking.

He was released at 5.30 am the following morning but was still in the building 20 minutes later, shouting at the desk sergeant, said Mr. Kelleher.

He was warned to behave himself, then re-arrested.

Mr. Patrick Haworth, defending, said: "The circumstances of this arrest are wholly disproportionate to the offence and prosecution."

He said his client admitted being in the car, but did not actually drive it anywhere. Fitzpatrick's car never left the car park.

He did not move the vehicle, he says, because there would have been no point as the police were blocking the exit to the car park with their own vehicle.

"The car was certainly not on the pavement in Britannia Street at the time of arrest," said Mr. Haworth.

"There was a good deal of pushing and shoving during Mr. Fitzpatrick's arrest, which got his back up."

He said that the pigtail was released when Fitzpatrick was released to return either his car or flat keys.

The defendant could not get his back up."

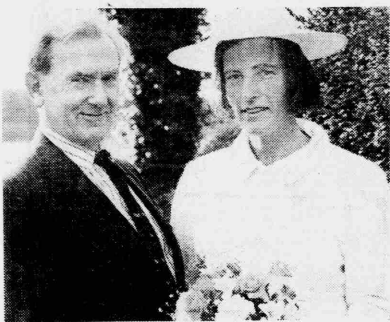
He said that driving was important to his client's job as a carpenter, and disqualification would jeopardise his means of livelihood.

Fitzpatrick was fined £150 for failure to give a specimen, disqualified from driving for 15 months, had his licence endorsed, and was bound over for 12 months to the sum of £100 for violent behaviour.

Costs of £20 were also awarded.

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Weddings



Bulleid — King

MICHAEL Bulleid, of The Windmill, Swaffham Prior, and Jane King, of High Street, Orwell, were married at Our Lady and St Philip Neri Church, Kirtling, near Newmarket.

Picture: Vernon R Place.



Singleton — Brown

KENNETH Singleton, of Paignton, Devon, and Rachel Brown, of Holben Close, Barton, were married at St Peter's Church, Barton.

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MIDWEEK

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Vulgarity of coping with life in dreary old 1990s

TWO Cambridge women have rebelled against modern society and made a return to traditional values.

Marianne Martindale and Priscilla Langridge, of Water Street, snub modern clothing and fashions and instead wear clothes that could come straight out of a novel by Charles Dickens or F Scott Fitzgerald — any era in fact, except our own.

No Vivienne Westwood creations for them. The day I met them they were in Victorian mood with long full skirts, elegant jackets, lace collars, gloves and period hats.

On other days, they dress 1920s style, or 1930s, but never do they tread any further into the fashion world than the 1940s.

"We don't really live in the late 20th century," said Miss Langridge. "We don't like the music or the clothes. We loathe the style. Everything is so vulgar and drab."

The cousins, who arrived in Cambridge two weeks ago, are planning to stay for a few months. They claim they are part of a Romantic movement which first began in Oxford and has small enclaves of supporters all across the country.

Flamboyant

The mood of the movement is to return to the past, to the days when as Miss Langridge says, "life was better, more stylish, more beautiful."

They reject modernity as much as possible. They read books from the past, listen to music from the past and create a whole way of life revolving around things that have gone before.

"We don't let the day-to-day vulgarity of modern life enter our lives more than it has to," said Miss Martindale, who had just

returned from parking her 1940s car.

In a magazine called "The Romantic", a bible for lovers of the past, an article defines what it means to be Romantic. Firstly the movement is mainly for women between the ages of 18 and 45, who are well-educated and elitist.

They must be flamboyant, confident, whimsical and above all they must never wear their Victorian underwear as outerwear as this would be far too "modern."

Miss Martindale and Miss Langridge make their living by making and selling clothes from the long-gone eras they cherish. These they research in detail.

Parties

They also hold re-enactments, creating scenes from the past for people to experience. These include, schoolroom scenes, period tea parties and special dinners. The re-enactment varies with the customers demand.

Miss Langridge, who writes Romantic stories, believes the past and future are linked.

Women face harder road Be bold and bewitching

WOMEN are lagging behind in the company car stakes — and that's official.

Latest figures released by the AA following a nationwide survey of 1,000 motorists reveal that only 5 per cent of female drivers have company cars, compared with 8 per cent of male drivers.

And it is reveals that women are very environment-conscious when it comes to the road.

Ninety-eight per cent of women believe environmental pollution is a problem, and a quarter share a car for some journeys.

IT'S Hallowe'en tonight when would-be ghouls and ghosts everywhere will be tempted out of their dens to get in the fancy dress party mood.

If you don't want to cause a stink, one cosmetic company is claiming to have come up with just the thing to keep those bewitching spirits at bay.

Smithkline Personal Care, manufacturers of Sixth Sense perfumed body sprays, claim the spicy fragrance is just the thing for the woman who wants to unleash her animal instincts at hallowe'en.



Future past . . . Marianne Martindale and Priscilla Langridge. Picture: Dave Parfitt.

Vegetarian helpings From Italy Having cause for alarm . . .

REMEMBER the summer when almost every television channel you turned to was full of football highlights from sun-baked Italy?

Author and chef Leon Lewis will be helping to put Italy back on the menu when he holds a vegetarian dinner party evening at Parkside Community College in Cambridge tomorrow.

He will demonstrate six dishes based on recipes from his book "Vegetarian Dinner Parties", including lasagne with wild mushroom sauce, potatoes in a lemon and wine sauce and caponata, a Sicilian sweet and sour aubergine salad.

Tickets, costing £3.50 which includes a buffet meal, must be bought in advance and can be obtained from Penny Brown on Cambridge 69544.

Frock firm has a ball

MYSTERY surrounds a Mid-Anglia ballgown hire firm in true Agatha Christie style — but it's all in the name of fun.

The Frock Exchange in Fenstanton has been hiring out ballgowns for a display to

WOMEN in Mid-Anglia worried about being attacked on the way home from work now that the nights are darker earlier can take comfort.

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, set up in memory of the missing estate agent, is issuing free leaflets on personal safety for people using public or private transport.

The travelwise leaflets give advice on safer mini-cab travel and reducing the risks of travelling as well as promoting the trust's personal alarm.

The alarm releases either a quick shriek or a three minute locked-on screech as loud as a jet on take-off, the Trust says.

More information is available from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust at 14 East Sheen Avenue, London, SW14 8AS.

promote a new adult role-playing game.

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Porn video film sales banned

THE government is to ban the sale of pornographic video cassettes.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan said this afternoon that porno films in the "restricted (18)" category shown in cinema clubs should not be bought over the counter for showing in the home.

"Even if it can only be bought by people over 18, once it enters the home there is no way of ensuring that children will not see it. The probability is that many will," he told Tories at Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Children would then be exposed to sexually explicit material which had been classified as suitable only for adult viewing, which would be totally unacceptable.

The Home Secretary announced that the Bill now going through parliament to outlaw video nasties, would be changed to include a ban on the sale of pornographic videos.

He said video nasties were a new and dangerous influence on young people, and the government had a clear duty to nip the problem in the bud. After viewing some of the nasties himself, he was appalled.

The Home Secretary said the Bill would ban the abhorrent and often sadistic material which had provoked such wide and justified public reaction.

Inflation back over 5 pc

THE annual rate of inflation has moved back above 5 per cent.

Prices went up by 5.3 per cent in the 12 months to December, compared with 4.8 per cent in November.

The jump was caused by higher prices for bread, fresh vegetables, eggs, beer and car insurance, and because prices actually fell in December, 1982.

The average monthly price rise for 1983 was 4.6 per cent, the lowest for 16 years.

Employment Secretary Tom King said today that this was a more encouraging annual figure than for very many years. But the government and the country should not relax and should not forget that our competitors had lower inflation rates.

In America, prices were rising by 3.2 per cent in Germany the figure was 2.6 per cent and Japan 1.8 per cent.

Blood tests warning

DOCTORS today warned the National Health Service would "grind to a halt" if they had to spend time doing blood tests on everyone over 30 in an attempt to reduce heart disease deaths.

Heart specialists have called for the test following a 10-year American study of nearly 4,000 men which is said to have proved that lowering the level of cholesterol saves the lives of people at high risk from heart disease.

Parents blamed for problems of youth

THE government's Chief Inspector of Constabulary today hit out at parents who, he said, put their children's rights before their own responsibilities in the battle against juvenile crime.

Sir Lawrence Byford also linked unemployment among young people with crime and perhaps with violence against people and property.

In a speech to the Society of Education Officers, in London, he also warned that a "very worrying trend," which sometimes had

its links with truancy and delinquency, was the increasing use of drugs by young people of school age.

To this must be added the abuse of "glue-sniffing," said Sir Lawrence.

Youth had always been an age for experimentation, and this should continue. "But the increasing availability of drugs, particularly hard drugs such as heroin, adds a new dimension."

He told an audience of top educationists, who are responsible for more than 27,000 state schools, that the problems faced by teachers

mainly stemmed from a general lack of discipline within society.

The real starting point was lack of parental discipline and parental interest in children of all social classes.

"It is not merely the case that many parents do not exercise sufficient control and discipline over their own children, they often actively resent attempts which other people make to impose discipline on them," he said.

The same situation regularly occurred

when police had to deal with children who had committed a crime.

"Many parents' immediate concern is for their children's rights, rather than for the people who have been injured by the offence or the fact that their children have been wrong," said Sir Lawrence.

It was also true that a significant proportion of parents abandoned their responsibility for instilling discipline in their children and blamed the schools and teachers rather than themselves for offences which their children committed.

Child died after grabbing fire

Go on, have a row and stay happily married!

A COUPLE who celebrated a 60-year marriage yesterday don't pretend they've never argued.

In fact Albert and Edna Edwards advise anyone trying to copy their achievement: Don't be scared to have a row.

Speaking after receiving a telegram of congratulations from the Queen, Mrs Edwards, aged 78, said: "We are both human and if I am upset I say so. I have never been a yes woman."

The Edwards toasted their diamond wedding anniversary in their home in Whitaker Road, Whorley, Coventry, with a 15-year-old bottle of whisky they had been saving.

Born and brought up in Coventry, they were married in the Church of St Mary and St Benedict in the city in 1924.

Mr Edwards, aged 79, had a fruit and vegetable stall in Coventry market for 20 years and before that he was a fitter.

He's seen many changes in Coventry: "I lived



Albert and Edna Edwards: never afraid to argue

through two world wars, but I was too young to fight in the first and too old for the second. But at least people were neighbours then — you weren't afraid to leave your door open. It's not like that now."

The Edwards have two sons, five grandchildren and three great-grand-

children. They are still live in the area and have arranged a party tomorrow.

Mrs Edwards had more advice for modern couples: "Hard work. While we were hard up and on the means test, we didn't sit down and give up. We worked at it and got out of the rut."

A 19-month-old toddler died after grabbing the bar of an electric fire.

He was found by his distraught mother minutes after the tragedy happened in the bathroom of a neighbour's home.

And the death has led to a stern warning about the dangers of electrical appliances from Warwickshire coroner Allan Dixon.

The child, Liam Summers, had crawled upstairs into the bathroom and appeared to have switched on an electric fire, released the guard and grabbed one of the elements, a Rugby inquest heard yesterday.

His mother, Amber Woodhouse, had felt unwell and took Liam to a neighbour's house near their home in Meadow Way, Harborough Magna. She was lying on a settee downstairs while the youngster was playing upstairs.

Liked switches

Miss Woodhouse, who cried and held her father's hand as she gave evidence, said she and Liam often went to neighbour Dave Cowley's house.

On this occasion Liam went upstairs to play when she realised she hadn't heard him for a while she went upstairs and found him lying on the bathroom floor with the fire across his chest.

Mr Cowley tried in vain to revive Liam with heart massage and mouth to mouth resuscitation. But the child

By ROGER WILSHER

was found to be dead on arrival at Rugby's Hospital of St Cross. He had died of shock due to burning.

Miss Woodhouse said Liam often tried to interfere with electric switches. "He liked anything with switches, knobs and dials."

Mr Cowley said he had closed the bathroom door when Miss Woodhouse and her son arrived.

Dangerous

The fire was switched on at the plug socket on the landing, but switched off on the fire itself.

"I can only assume that Liam had switched it on himself, using the switch on the fire."

Mr Cowley said the fire's protective guard sprung off easily.

Recording a verdict of accidental death, the coroner said: "It's universally accepted that it's a very dangerous practice to have an open electric fire in a bathroom. It should always be enclosed, and it should always be in such a position that it cannot be grasped."

If an electric fire was going to be left in the bathroom at all it should certainly be left unplugged.

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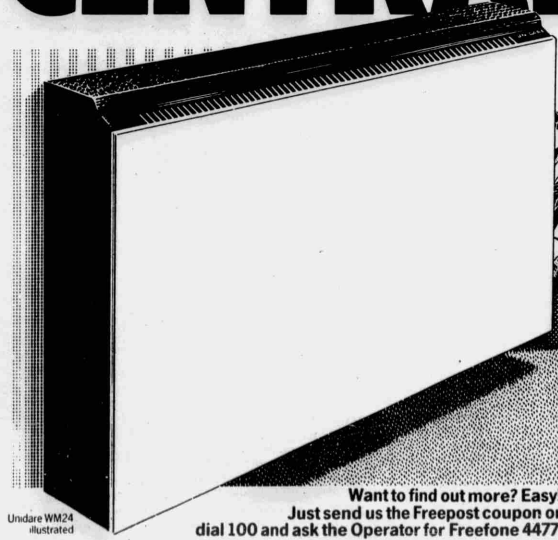
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"CULT LEADER" FINED FOR ASSAULT

The head of a secretive cult group in Co. Donegal, who beat a girl's naked thighs with a hatchet for spilling ink, was given a two month suspended jail sentence and fined £100 at Dungloe District Court last Tuesday.

Maria Da Colwyn, of Leckbeg, Burtport, was convicted of common assault against Sophia Jones at St. Brigid's School, Leckbeg, Burtport, on November 7, 1989.

Commenting on these figures, Pierre Bosquy, managing director of Citroen U.K. Ltd., said: "At a time when an increasing amount of attention is being paid to the economical and environmental advantages of diesel, it is obvious that the public appreciate that the Citroen BX is a clear leader in this increasingly important market sector."

Miss Jones was examined by a Ban Garda who noticed severe bruising and discoloration in the thigh region as a result of the beating.

Supt. Courtney said the Garda were satisfied that the beatings had occurred frequently and that this particular incident was not an isolated case.

He claimed the assault was degrading and that Miss Jones had to bite her lips to avoid screaming while being hit. He said recruitment for the "household" was carried out by means of advertisement in an English newspaper stating that those who took part in the group would each receive £5 a week.

Members of the group were taught French, English and mathematics at "St. Brigid's" and although the "Silver Sisters" mixed with the local community to some extent, they also "kept themselves to themselves."

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U.C.G. RE-UNION
weekend of the 3rd, 4th and 5th May, 1991, in Galway, and it promises to be a weekend to remember! At the moment members of the organising committee which includes Mary O'Driscoll, Jo Burke, Kitty Burke, Dick and Sadie Copeland, Christy Townley, Noel Kennedy, Irene Lynch and

themselves. Mr. Patrick Sweeney, solicitor for Da Colwyn, claimed that Miss Jones knew that "chastisement" took place at "St. Brigid's" when she joined the group.

Supt. Courtney replied the means of chastisement was not made public to any member of the group before they joined.

Convicting Da Colwyn of assault, District Justice, Mr. Liam McMenamin, described the incident as "irrational behaviour."

Disqualified, Fined after Buncrana "Joynriding Incident"

AN INCH Island man who helped get a car re-started after it had broken down was yesterday disqualified from driving for three months and fined £200 when he appeared at Buncrana District Court.

A Garda Inspector told the Court that a car had been taken from outside a house in Inch Island without the owner's permission. He said two juveniles, who were not before the Court, were responsible and the drove the vehicle to Buncrana on November 24th last year.

The car re-started. Following the defending solicitor's comments, District Justice, Mr. Liam McMenamin dismissed a charge of taking with vehicle without the owner's consent against Craig, before fining and disqualifying him for driving without insurance.

The inspector said the vehicle subsequently "broke down" in Buncrana and the defendant, Gary Craig, from Carnaghan, Inch Island, "got it going again" and drove it around the town. He added one of the juveniles was employed by the owner of the vehicle.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PIONEER NEWS
The Ulster final of Readings took place recently in Killybeg and while competitors from the Raphoe Diocese put on a great display, the Diocese's only representative in the All-Ireland final will be Eileen Loughlin, Lettermacaward Centre, who won the senior recitation.

TOOK NO PART
Defending solicitor, Mr. Frank Dorrain, claimed that Craig's only involvement in the driving of the car was "sitting behind the wheel until it was started." He insisted that the defendant took no part "in the joyriding incident."

Mr. Dorrain further claimed that his client had helped the juveniles, whom he knew, get a gallon of petrol in order to get the car started.

The annual general meeting of the North Donegal Regional Pioneer Council will take place in Milford Hotel next Wednesday, 20th February, 1991, after 7.30 p.m. Mass in St. Peter's Church.

Anybody wishing to book seats on the bus should contact Ossie Gallagher 074 46632 or Michael Keane, 1 Meadowbank Park, Letterkenny immediately.

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LITTON. — On May 22, 1992, at the Northampton House, Bedfordshire, England, Edward Aspinall, aged 93 years, husband of the late Alice (nee Aspinall).

HARRISON. — The family of the late Elizabeth Anne Harrison would like to express their thanks for the beautiful floral tributes, cards of condolence and donations received during this sad time, a special thank you to the staff at the medical centre, for their help and kindness, also to all who attended the funeral service and a grateful thank you to Rev S. Kirby, for his kind and comforting words.

HEARING. — Matthew and Sue wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards of condolence and donations received during this sad time, a special thank you to the family doctor and the gang, for all their help and a grateful thank you to Rev P. Mackleburgh, for his help and comforting words.

PARISH. — The family of the late David Parish wish to thank all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards of condolence and donations received during this sad time, a special thank you to the family doctor, district and Rev J. Harrison, for his help and comforting words, also to all who attended the funeral service and a grateful thank you to Rev S. Kirby, for his kind and comforting words.

CUTTS (Cath). — Remembering with love, Colin, who died June 1977.

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Jan Roger Lattimore, (22), of the White Lion Hotel, Heptonstall, had his case adjourned until June 18 to Tordarmore magistrates.

Video clue
POLICE have issued a description of a stolen video camera, which was found in a car on Sunday night.

Tool theft
POWER tools valued at £450 were stolen from a van parked in the woods at the end of Sandy Gate Lane, Wadsworth, Hebdon Bridge.

Table damaged
VANDALS smashed glass on a picnic table in the school yard at Stubbings School, Bircliffe, Hebdon Bridge, over the weekend.

Cash taken
BURGLARS broke into Bridge Gate, Hebdon Bridge, and stole £100 cash from the till between Sunday night and Monday morning.

Petrol thief
THIEVES stole a petrol canister valued at £10 from a garage at Mytholmrods Methodist Church, Hebdon Bridge, on Sunday night and Monday morning.

Stolen from shed
HAND tools valued at £20 were stolen from a shed on Crags Road, Mytholmrods, Hebdon Bridge, between Sunday night and Monday morning.

Raided car
THIEVES took a radio cassette valued at £120 from a car at Colden Road, Heptonstall, Hebdon Bridge.

Birthday Club
TODAY
Patricia Anne Harvey (11), 5 Lee Road, Heptonstall Road, Hebdon Bridge.
Joe Robert Gibson (6), 5 Nelson Street, Walenden.
Tiffany Round (4), 2 Scar Top, Cross Stone, Tordarmore.

SATURDAY
Jeanette Michael and Claire Elizabeth Cowans (4), 9 Sackville Street, Hebdon Bridge.
SUNDAY
Richard Paul Waley (7), 70 Palace House Road, Hebdon Bridge.
Kerry Ann Jones (6), 13 Manor Drive, Dodnash, Hebdon Bridge.

TUESDAY
Michelle Turner (5), 31 Sackville Street, Hebdon Bridge.
WEDNESDAY
Kathy Simister (11), 10 Bankfield Crescent, Mytholmrods.

THURSDAY
Oliver Collings (4), Sunnyside Cottage, Crags Vale.

OBITUARY

Postmaster Mr David Parish, aged 56

THE funeral took place last week of David Parish, Heptonstall's postmaster for the past seven years.

He died on May 22, aged 56, after a 10-month illness. A very popular figure in the village, David remained cheerful despite his illness and was never hard to complain, writes Ursula Lamb.

More than 300 relatives and friends attended the service at Heptonstall Parish Church to reflect David's love of music, the Hepton Singers and members of the Hepton Spring Music Festival Choir sang Ave Verum and St Patrick's Breanpate, accompanied by former Heptonstall organist, George Smart. Jesus Gave read David's favourite extract from T. S. Eliot's Four Quartets.

The Rev John Harrison, a former Vicar of Heptonstall, summed up the qualities that made David so well liked.

"Patient, kind, unselfish, not flying off the handle, steady and reliable, but with his very sense of humour and powerful humanity. We're going to miss his very much," he said.

David also did a lot of voluntary work, being a member of the Heptonstall Service and taught English, drama and religious instruction in Manchester and later Gloucester. He strongly encouraged youngsters to sit and sang very excellent school productions. He made a big impression on his pupils and several were among the mourners at his funeral.

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David enjoyed taking part in the annual Heptonstall Race Play playing the character of Topsy. He was also a regular in the Village Varieties show and an enthusiastic supporter of the Hebdon Bridge Lions Club.

A member of Heptonstall Parish Church, David served as a lay reader, appearing in A Matter of Minutes last year. He and his family spent a long holiday on the remote Scottish island a month before he died.

As a memorial to David, Heptonstall village plan to buy a seat at the end of the church for the name of David Parish. Following the funeral, the Heptonstall bell rings ring a quarter past half muffled at a tribute to a man who epitomised community spirit.

SMITH (William). — Died June 3, 1988. Memories of those we love, live on and never die. Pauline and John.

Letters to the Editor
Monetary 'casino' root of problem

The slump has certainly hit Hebdon Bridge. The ending of such a long-established business in Uley, Ingham and Co as well as others and the closing of a long succession of shops proves this.

"What appears to me to be the root of the problem is the monetary casino. 'Never mind the why and wherefore' seems the national motto. If I thought about it it is assumed to be an act of God or some other unexplained and inevitable happening."

Yet if we were to stop and think and ask ourselves, "Have the shops in the factories?" "Is there a light on our farm?" "We might get some money. No, we are physically capable of producing what we need. What then is wrong? The only thing left — it must be the monetary casino."

Yes, instead of having a money or credit system based on a country's production, we have the opposite, production based on the money system. What is the 'Fountain' the 'Dove', the 'Nikkies', the 'Hang Seng', etc., operating in the City, Wall Street and other financial centres, we live in a monetary casino. We might just as well head over to Las Vegas.

The only policy I know of to combat this money casino is the Social Credit. Isn't it worth at least an examination?

DAVID KAY
WILFRID PRICE

Looking back
25 YEARS AGO
FROM OUR 1967 files

SUBJECT to approval by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Hebdon Royal Council will spend the money on the development of Bridge Lane, Hebdon Bridge, at a total cost of £145,000. This includes a tender of £132,925.

The subject of the plan was discussed at the meeting of the Council, it was agreed that application be made to the Ministry at the earliest possible date.

Outlining the position, the clerk, Mr Kenneth Kethery said the total accepted tender was £132,925. In this was included the cost of the houses, garages, approach road, access footpaths, drainage, piping for foundations, and other work directly attributable to the dwellings, and this came to £93,403.

Also included were the cost of retaining walls along the frontage of the housing and the adjoining Bridge Lane and Heptonstall Road, together with boundary walls and fencing, etc. to be borne by the General Rate Fund and expenditure on public works and pleasure grounds, £11,772. In addition there was £14,750 for contingencies covering all the work mentioned, making a total sum of £132,925.

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There was a lively discussion on the subject. Tuesday night's meeting of the Council, and while reaffirming their previous decision to form a C.O.C., it was decided by a majority vote to meet the girls and discuss the matter.

These days of ever-increasing bills on the part of the local people for war charities is a pleasing note that they are maintaining the work of the local charitable institutions which have served the needs of the community for many years. The Mytholmrods Nursing Institution is an example of this.

The Hebdon Royal Council have decided to support the work of the Hebdon Bridge and Heptonstall Road, together with boundary walls and fencing, etc. to be borne by the General Rate Fund and expenditure on public works and pleasure grounds, £11,772. In addition there was £14,750 for contingencies covering all the work mentioned, making a total sum of £132,925.

GOING TO THE GULLERS

By Issy Shannon

TO the outsider, pigeon racing is one of those inexplicable activities which shares the same status as whistler racing.

Enthusiasts, however, would claim that it is one of the very few sports which all age groups can enjoy and is as cheap — or expensive — as you care to make it.

For every loft, equipped with all the latest electronic and housing hundreds of birds, there are the more humble structures of the keen amateur who breeds at home.

One of the most popular pigeon racing societies in the country is the Hebdon Royal Homing Society, which has been racing since 1930.

It is the excitement of seeing your birds actually appear on the horizon, after flying hundreds of miles home. You've spent all week getting them into the prime of condition, cooing them so that the wing muscles are at their peak and the birds are 100 per cent fit.

No matter how many times you've raced, the thrill is always there. The national and international season starts this month, when the clock of British birds will be flying 500 or 600 miles in the continent.

The first events obviously attract the biggest interest and money, but the racing on a smaller scale is just as exciting. It is the "Fountain" the "Dove", the "Nikkies", the "Hang Seng", etc., operating in the City, Wall Street and other financial centres, we live in a monetary casino.

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are the Longhorns brothers, of Heptonstall — John, aged 85, and Ernest, aged 83. The youngest are Scott Sheard and Daniel Hunter, both 14 years old.

Daniel races with his father, Fred, and the whole family, who live at Charlton, are involved. An initially reluctant member, Ernest Longhorn helps his father and uncle, who were 'getting on a needed a hand', etc. explained.

Jackie Ogden partners her father, Jack, who has been racing since the 1930s, but gave up in the last two years.

A former Yorkshire champion, his interest was revived four years ago said Jack, when Jackie became keen.

Ellen admitted that she used to be "phobic" about pigeons but had grown to like them since the time she was racing them.

"I used to be terrified of them," she confessed. "But once you get used to handling them, you realise how very attractive they really are."

It is not a sport which appeals to most of women, she added, but once bitten, they become keen as the men.

Some of the varieties — reds, blue grizzles, chequers etc. — are brilliantly coloured and make the colours of the rainbow stand out on each bird's head as its own character and quirks.

Proving pigeon fanciers' attention to detail, the birds are packed up by transporter at Luddington, North York, and taken to the racing point.

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WOMEN INSERRED

A THREE HEBDEN BRIDGE men were fined by Tordarmore magistrates when they admitted using threatening or abusive words or behaviour outside the house of a Heptonstall resident.

David Colclough (19), of Victoria Road, and John Philip Dempsey (19) of Hagon Estate, were both fined £50. All three were ordered to pay £20 costs.

Mr Philip Standfast, prosecuting, said the police were called to an address in Northgate, Heptonstall, shortly after 11 am on Friday April 17. There had been a complaint from a resident that a number of men with a baseball bat were gathered at their windows to watch what was going on.

The police arrived and found the three men, but there was no sign of the bat. They were all being noisy and appeared to have been drinking so they were told to go home.

They refused to leave and Dempsey was arrested and put in a cell. The other two were released on bail. They were all being noisy and appeared to have been drinking so they were told to go home.

Then at around 1.45 am the police received another complaint. They were called to the same residence's house. There was a making a lot of noise and causing a nuisance to the neighbours.

The police knocked on the window of the car and were told to get out. They were all being noisy and appeared to have been drinking so they were told to go home.

The three men agreed with the prosecution's statements of facts and offered no explanation for their behaviour.

Farmer Louis Sunderland, of Howarth Old Road, Hebdon Bridge, said he would like to see more money spent on the improvement of the town council.

At 14, membership is the smallest it's been for several years and many members help each other receive a friendly welcome and lots of help, he pointed out.

Most beginners are given visits by experienced members and doesn't cost much to build a loft for just a few pairs.

Increasingly, pigeon fancying has become a big money sport with prize money from a top race running into thousands and the professional working pigeonists making a living out of it.

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PERIOD PLEASURES

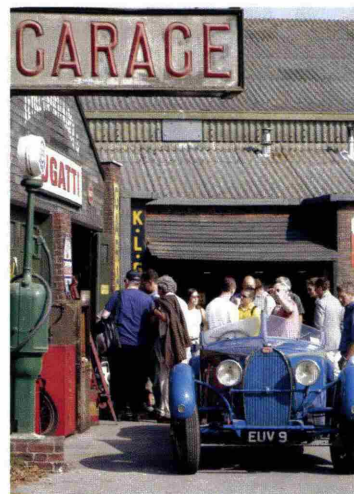
Classic cars and period costume helped set the scene for the motor racing at this year's Goodwood Revival. SALLY SMITH joined the crowds flocking to the West Sussex circuit.



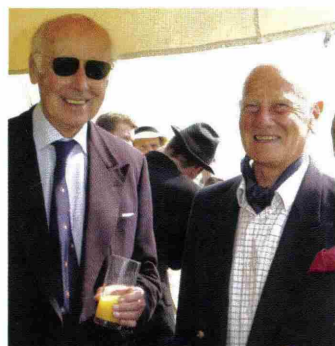
An old back injury (incurred when he crashed his mother's car as a teenager) prevented Lord March, seen here chatting with the Duchess of Richmond, competing at the Revival. 'I race in the Festival of Speed each year, but the Revival is too physically demanding', he laments



Looking and sounding the part: Miss Camellia Cadogan (left) and Miss Marianne Martindale provided the 1950s' inflections over the public address system during the three-day Revival



Mechanics work on classic cars in the re-created 1950s garage



Squadron Leader Neville Duke (left) and Flight Lieutenant David Lockspeiser attend the launch of Goodwood Aero Club. The Second World War veterans were both stationed at Goodwood's Westhampnett air base, requisitioned by the Air Ministry in 1938, which today's motor racing track now circles



Part of a display of vintage motorcycles

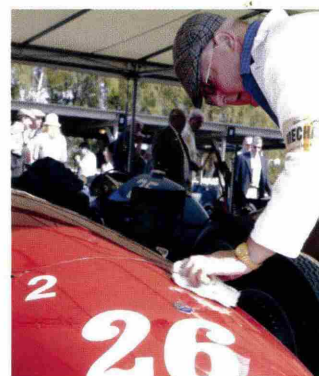


Ringside views: Andrew and Jackie Lockie watch the stream of vintage cars roar past at speeds of up to 170mph



Paul and Mary Kelly seek shade from the glorious sunshine beside a vintage Twinings van

Actress Nimmy March plays the part in the army-style Mess in the Drivers' Club



Mechanic Scott Brown makes final preparations to a 1957 Maserati

Derry Journal

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17, 1982

THE PROOF

ANYONE WHO has tried to deny that rampant discrimination against Catholics in job allocations in Northern Ireland did not take place in the past, under Unionist government, should be silenced by the report by the Fair Employment Agency on employment practices in the Northern Ireland Electricity Service.

The report, which reveals that among senior management the proportion of Catholics is at the most 5 per cent, and among senior managers at most 3.3 per cent, demonstrates with irrefragable clarity the systematic "jobs for the boys" policy pursued by electricity undertakings for years.

In the whole of the Ballylumford power station only 3 per cent of the engineering staff were Catholics, and even Coolkeeragh, in an area in which the community has a Catholic majority, that percentage was less than 25.

The report points out that when jobs become vacant, Catholics applying appear before selection boards that "are predominantly, if not altogether, Protestant."

The report does say that the N.I.E.S. set-up now attempts to divorce religion from job appointments, but that very fact merely underlines that when the N.I.E.S. was formed with the amalgamation of a number of smaller, locally-controlled electricity services, the N.I.E.S. inherited a staff which, because of discrimination, was solidly Protestant.

The report is a damning indictment of what was the norm in job appointments in Northern Ireland when the Unionists were in power, and it should cause every decent-minded Protestant to re-examine his or her conscience and ask themselves the question — "What was I doing when this sort of thing was going on year after year?"

It is ironic that this report should come out at a time when the Democratic Unionist Party in Derry is stridently claiming discrimination in jobs against Protestants in this area. And it should be remembered that the explanation for Protestants feeling that now there is discrimination against them, has already been given by the chairman of the Fair Employment Agency, Mr. Bob Cooper. Several months ago, referring to this feeling, he pointed out that it was generated by the fact that for the first time, because of the recession, many Protestants were finding it difficult to get employment.

The extent of privilege exercised by the Unionist governments right from 1920 is exposed by the report, and similar reports on many other organisations in the Six Counties would doubtless deliver the same verdict. It is the damning proof that Unionist discrimination played a large part in creating the instability that led to the present violence. There are many types of violence, and the people who practised this sort of discrimination are as guilty of violence against a whole community, as are those now planting bombs and shooting bullets.

CARE ON THE ROADS

THE RECENT cold spell should have been a warning to all drivers that this is the time of the year when the exercise of the greatest care on the roads is not merely good sense but a social responsibility.

Yet so many people still treat a motor car, which is potentially a lethal weapon, with a light-hearted disregard (some would say criminal disregard) for the safety of others, that it is virtually incomprehensible.

The accident rates for the winter months should be a reminder to all motorists that they have a duty to drive with great care.

So let every motorist ensure that this Christmas will not be an unhappy one for somebody by reckless irresponsibility at the wheel.

A RARE SORT OF NON-SECTARIANISM

THE DERRY Executive of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, in a statement denying a claim by Derry Labour and Trade Union Party, that the I.R.S.P. is a sectarian and bigoted group, stated in relation to the Ballylumford case "as even a Protestant Bishop confirmed at a Service for those killed in the bombing, the dead included Roman Catholics and Protestants."

Are we to take it that the I.R.S.P. are now said to be demonstrating their non-sectarianism by killing Catholics? Are we to take it, in fact, that in order to avoid the charge of sectarianism, the I.R.S.P. will ensure that a proportion of Catholics are among their victims in future? Certainly those are the conclusions that seem inescapable from the wording of the I.R.S.P. statement.

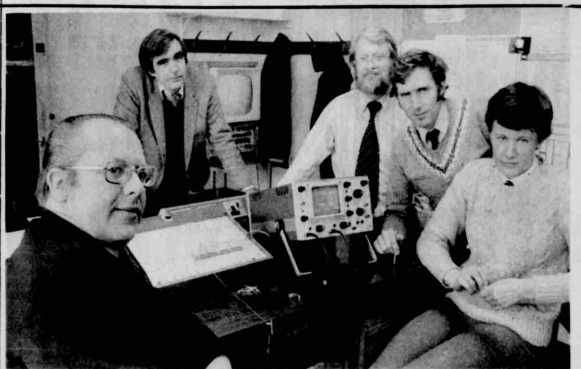
Decrease In Leisure Centre Usage

STRABANE DISTRICT Council has been told by its Recreation Officer, Mr. Liam Morrison, that 145,791 people used the Riverside Leisure Centre last year, a decrease of almost 3,000 over the previous year.

He explained the reason for the slight drop was due to a reduction in the Summer Recreation Scheme and the fact that the pool facilities were only available three days per week in comparison to five the previous year.

He added that there was a decrease in the school swimming programme, an increase in club activities and block booking that restricted the time available for swimming, while youth spectator numbers were also reduced in an effort to combat vandalism.

Plastic Bullet Victim's Father



Microelectronics education in the North-West took an important step forward this week with the introduction of a series of one-week courses for teachers in secondary education. The course, which was organised by the Government sponsored Microelectronics Education Programme, was conducted at the North West College of Technology by electronics lecturers in the Engineering Department and consisted of an introduction to digital integrated circuits which are used in logic systems and microcomputers. Sixteen teachers from secondary schools in the city and surrounding areas attended. These teachers are involved in the teaching of science and technology subjects. This course is seen as a forerunner of courses in the applications of microelectronics and microprocessors. Pictured at the course, from left, are: Mr. G. Wright, Templemore School, Derry; Mr. Sam Carlin, and Mr. John Boyle, lecturers microelectronics, Mr. Tony Markin, St. Columba's College, Mrs. Agnes Gavin, St. Breacan's School, Derry.

THE PROBLEMS OF BEING A DONEGAL DRIVER

BY A "JOURNAL" REPORTER

A YOUNG motorist driving a new Ford Escort in Donegal has paid over IR£2,000 more than his counterpart in Derry to get the car on the road, a survey carried out by the "Journal" this week has shown.

Higher tax rates on new cars, higher cost of insurance and higher cost of petrol combine to make owning a car a much more expensive business in the Republic than it is in Northern Ireland. A battery of statistics derived from the survey which would discourage even the most determined young car buyer in Donegal.

Our 21-year-old Donegal reporter set himself on a nice average Ford Escort 1300L. A salesman at Hegarty's Garage, in Letterkenny, said that IR£17,500 would be the asking price for the model. Phil Kirk of Desmond's, Derry, is selling the same car for £5,000 sterling or IR£5,000, a savings of IR£12,500 for the Northern buyer.

In fact, a survey of the new car prices in Derry and Donegal showed an average saving of IR£2,372.75 on a range of sixteen cars from all sections of the market.

The most glaring price difference emerged in the north to a Mercedes 250. In the north a new one fetches around IR£13,000. In Donegal it is over IR£23,000.

Then there is insurance. While companies in Derry will generally give a young person a quote for insurance, however stiff, prominent insurance companies in Donegal completely refuse to insure a

insurer pays the first £100 of the claim.

Translated into IR£706 this was a IR£165 cheaper than the P.M.P.A. quote.

So the Northern driver had saved IR£1,600 on his new Escort and IR£165 on his insurance. This softens the blow in relation to road tax, for which he pays more than the Donegal driver.

At IR£ or IR£4, as opposed to IR£77 for road tax in Donegal, the saving of IR£17 is scarcely a consolation for the Donegal man who has just paid IR£8,427 for his car and insurance.

After this it was easy to see why the telephone of P.M.P.A. offices in Letterkenny was continually engaged.

IN RECENT years, the car service in St. Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, has been one of the highlights of the pre-Christmas festivities in Derry.

This year's service will be held on Sunday evening, December 19, commencing at 8.30 p.m. All parishioners and their friends are welcome to attend.

The programme has now been finalised for Sunday's

service and the organisers are confident that it will compare favourably with the standard set in previous years.

It includes many familiar carols and excerpts from Handel's 'Messiah', sung by the Pennyburn Church Choir, augmented by members of the Foyle Singers, under the direction of Mr. Michael Mooney, where he is, of course, blessed by opportunity for the congregation to join in.

A dividing wall between two houses in the Glencair area of Letterkenny has literally led to a division of another sort between the owners. For one of the residents, Mr. John

Deveney of 13 Wolfe Tone Place, claims that the wall built by his neighbour, Mr. Desmond Shields, is too high and is subsequently a danger to his children, because of its easy accessibility on one side and what he maintains is an eight foot drop on the other.

To highlight his grievances, Mr. Deveney brought the matter to the attention of the Urban Council meeting on Monday, where he claimed that Mr. Shields had no planning permission for the wall. His children could get up on the wall with little trouble but there was a steep drop into his neighbour's garden.

He told councillors that if Mr. Shields was allowed to build another wall, which he was planning to do, he himself would build a wall. "And if the Council tries to bring this down I'll build it up again. The Town Clerk told me the height you could build a wall is forty inches but this wall is over six feet. The wall is definitely a danger and the next time he goes to build I am going to bring the Town Clerk up to stop him."

But after Mr. Deveney's departure from the meeting, chairman, Mr. Colin Morrey, the Town Clerk, maintained that he informed Mr. Deveney that he could not build a wall which was higher than forty inches. Mr. Deveney had misunderstood and the actual fact was that planning permission was not required for a wall under forty inches.

It was agreed following discussion to order Mr. Shields to cease work until the matter was sorted out.

The winning names will be published in our issue of Friday, 24th December.

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Not Surprised

MR. DESMOND WHITTERS, the father of teenage plastic bullet victim, Paul Whitters, said yesterday that the inquest into his son's death in Belfast earlier this week was nothing more than a cosmetic exercise and the verdict came "as no real surprise to him".

Shortly after the verdict was announced, Mr. Whitters said that he intended taking the matter further and has already instigated legal proceedings against the policeman who fired the plastic bullet which fatally injured his son.

Paul Whitters died on April 25 last year, 10 days after being hit on the forehead by a plastic bullet during rioting in William Street.

The jury of seven people took almost four hours to reach their verdict that the boy had been the leader of a gang of masked rioters attempting to hijack a lorry. They also said that the police warning that they were to open fire, may have attempted to dissuade him.

Mr. Whitters said that he was not angry at the verdict as he had always expected such a result.

"I have never given any credence to such inquests and certainly did not expect my son's to be any different. But I do intend to let the matter rest."

"I intend to follow every course of action open to me. My son was not the only plastic bullet victim to die, and so far no one has been made amenable for their deaths."

During the three day inquest in Belfast, the jury heard conflicting evidence from police and civilian witnesses.

The police claimed that Paul had been the ringleader of a gang of between 15 and 25 masked youths who were throwing stones at police and had attempted to hijack a lorry. Police evidence said that they were in danger from the

rioters when they opened fire with a baton round from a range of 18 to 20 yards from Paul Whitters.

Civilian witnesses claimed that as few as three youths were involved in the riot and that the police were in no danger from them. They said the police could have arrested the boy without undue violence.

It was also claimed by civilian witnesses that Paul Whitters had been hit by a plastic bullet fired at close range, between 3 and 7 yards.

Irreconcilable

The RUC Inspector in charge of the patrol, on the evening of April 15 last year, said that Paul Whitters was shot while youths were trying to hijack a lorry. But eye witnesses claimed that he was hit by the plastic bullet about five minutes after the lorry had been driven off.

Summing up, the Coroner James Elliot, said that there were two irreconcilable sides to the story and he told the jury that they had to return an unanimous verdict. At one stage, the jury of three men and four women were asked to retire for a second time after failing to reach a decision.

After they returned their unanimous verdict, Mr. Elliot described their findings as 'satisfactory'.

Sinn Féin Assemblyman Martin McGuinness said yesterday that the verdict at the inquest on Paul Whitters was a 'predictable sectarian one'.

'Non Sectarian'

Catholics and Protestants Killed

THE DERRY Executive of the Irish Republican Socialist Party has hit out at the Derry Labour and Trade Union Party following a statement made by the trade union group accusing the I.N.L.A. of being sectarian and bigoted.

The I.R.S.P. said that as part of the Republican Socialist Movement they would like to comment on the recent statement made by the "so-called Derry Labour and Trade Union Party". They condemned the implication that the Republican Socialist Movement was a sectarian and bigoted movement and said that since its foundation by Seamus Costello, none of the

members of the movement had ever acted in a bigoted or sectarian manner.

A spokesman said — "This smear was prompted by the successful operation by the I.N.L.A. against the British forces in Ballykelly last week. As the media reports confirmed, sufficient warning was given to civilians to stay away from the place in question and as even a Protestant Bishop confirmed at a service for those killed in the bombing, the dead included Roman Catholics and Protestants."

Describing the Labour and Trade Union group as "props of the Northern Ireland State" the I.R.S.P. said — "Although they are supposed to be the voice of the teachings of James Connolly, because of their middle class mentality they refuse to recognise the fact that Connolly advocated national liberation as a necessary prerequisite for the establishment of a socialist society in Ireland. This was confirmed when he was murdered by the British forces following the 1916 Rising."

DIED FROM BURNS

An inquest in Derry yesterday into the death in July this year of 33 years old Patricia Josephine Flannery, whose badly charred body was found at Sheriff's Mountain on the outskirts of the city, recorded a finding that the deceased, who had a history of mental illness, died from burns self-inflicted when she ignited herself with petrol during a period of leave from hospital.

But after Mr. Deveney's departure from the meeting, chairman, Mr. Colin Morrey, the Town Clerk, maintained that he informed Mr. Deveney that he could not build a wall which was higher than forty inches. Mr. Deveney had misunderstood and the actual fact was that planning permission was not required for a wall under forty inches.

It was agreed following discussion to order Mr. Shields to cease work until the matter was sorted out.

The winning names will be published in our issue of Friday, 24th December.

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A MERCEDES — NOTHING BUT A MERCEDES

A little quiz for "Journal" readers, entitled "Do You Know This Man..."

The following excerpt is from an article in the national Press on the working of the Republic's State car system: "It has got to the stage now," said a Department of Justice official, "that they won't take anything less than a Mercedes."

"In one case a Garda driver was sent home at 11 p.m. one night from Donagall with instructions to be back at 8 a.m. with a Mercedes. The Minister for State didn't like to be seen in anything else."

Answers, please, on a postcard addressed to "SHANTALLOW 'UNECONOMIC'"

THE doctor who told a Western Health Board committee meeting that doctors would not set up practice in the Shantallow Health Centre — see this issue of the paper for details — is to be commended for his honesty and integrity. The only point I would make is that I am sure that any good doctor working out of Shantallow would make in the region of £20,000 to £30,000 per annum so how much money does a doctor require before he would consider a practice in that area "economic"?

HYPOCRITICAL DOUBLE THINK

The "double think" mentality of some of the para-military groups operating in this part of the world at the moment is simply unbelievable. The I.N.L.A. claims it is not a sectarian organisation because it kills Catholics and Protestants, while the Provisional I.R.A. showed great concern in Tuesday's issue about the goings on of alleged blue movie makers. The Provos claimed they would "take appropriate action" against the filthy parties. Can we take this to mean a knee-capping? A shot in the head? or what? Surely both the blue movie and the "appropriate action" are completely immoral.

TIGHTEN SECURITY

According to certain sources, it is alleged that the gang which carried out the triple bank robbery in Carradonagh was from Northern Ireland. Does this mean that the Republic politicians will be demanding that there be tighter security on the Border, Harold, Ian and Co. always do it when something happens in the North!

A MENTION AT LAST

At last Donegal has had a mention in "Private Eye". The esteemed publication, well-known for its association with costly libel suits and offensively pet names — Michael Foot is "Worsel Gumidge", "Eye" solicitors are Messrs. Sue, Grabbit and Runne — has finally brought the North-West of Ireland within its realm.

I was reading the small ads of the time, and suddenly there it was: "10,000 years ago woman ruled the world. 100 years hence she will reign. Read 'The Book of Rhianna', the definite introduction to nonfiction and the feminine tradition. Your guide to tomorrow. £1 from Droichead Beo, Burtonport, Donegal, Ireland."

All I can say is... the men in Burtonport better watch out tomorrow.

Next week: JED advances to outskirts of Burtonport.

INSPIRING

Is there any truth in the rumour that two D.O.E. grinding lorries went off the road in the Waterside area during the icy spell last week. Hardly the thing to inspire confidence in us lesser mortals.

GERRY'S "NIXERS"

I don't like attracting the tax man's attention to a fellow N.U.J. member, but I can't help feeling that Gerry Kelly of U.T.V. fame must be making a fortune out of his "nixer" jokes. There isn't a concert, a car launch or whatever that he isn't at. See recent newspapers for details.

TURKEYS' DELIGHT

A group of turkeys on a farmyard in Donegal were reported to be delighted with the Christmas season so far. "We have all been invited to Christmas dinners at various houses throughout the county," they called to our reporter.

"I wonder what we'll get," asked one plump bird.

"Hopefully stuffing," replied another, flapping its wings.

"I'm going to enjoy myself this Christmas, if it's the last thing I do," commented a third.

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The Board of Directors and Staff pictured at the Pennyburn Credit Union Ltd. annual meeting in St. Bridget's Parish Hall, Carnhill, Derry.

Advice to parents

Don't ignore teenage suicide threats

PARENTS OF teenage children who threaten or attempt suicide have been urged by the co-ordinator of a family advice centre in Derry to take the threats seriously, and if necessary, seek help.

Pip Jaffa, co-ordinator of the Parents Advice Centre at 18 Great James Street, Derry which offers confidential help, support, guidance and counselling for all types of family problems, was commenting in the light of last

week's *Derry Journal* story which highlighted the increasing number of young people taking their own lives, and she appealed to parents not to play down suicide attempts.

"Parents often find it very

difficult to come to terms with the fact that their children are threatening their own lives, perhaps by taking tablets or slitting their wrists. Some parents will say that their children are only fooling around and suggest that they didn't mean to do what they did.

"However, if the young people are unhappy to the degree that they will try some form of self mutilation, the alarm bells should start ringing for parents. They should ask themselves 'What is

the young person trying to say.' Ms. Jaffa explained that suicide attempts can follow a family row, or a difficulty in friendships or boy/girl relationships, but whatever the reason it was vital for parents to try to understand how their children were feeling.

Passing phase

"It's not enough to say that it's just a passing phase and that it'll go away. Sometimes problems do

disappear with the passage of time but in other cases, teenagers who have tried to take their lives and have not been helped, have ended up in quite a mess a few years later.

Urging parents to communicate with their teenage children especially if they appear to have problems, Ms. Jaffa said parents should give the teenagers plenty of opportunity to talk through their feelings without judging them or being over critical. If this was not possible, she

advised parents to use the resources available and seek help from their own G.P., or organisations such as the Parents Advice Centre or the Samaritans.

"Parents should not be ashamed or embarrassed to seek help. This is the responsible thing to do," she added.

Ms. Jaffa advised that warning signals which parents should be looking out for with regard to the behaviour of their teenage children included, if they became withdrawn, appeared more

anxious or stressed, were more aggressive or secretive, changed their routine, stayed more in their room or opted out of family life.

The Parents Advice Centre which opened in Derry last June is keen to offer help to both parents and children. The office can be contacted by telephone at Derry 266663 and a 24 hour telephone service is available on Belfast 238800.

Coalition urged to state position on North

SINN FEIN Vice-President, Mr. Pat Doherty, has called on the proposed Fianna Fail/Labour Government to state its position on Northern Ireland.

"The proposed programme is vague on the issue of the Six Counties. We are not told what position will be taken on Articles Two and Three of the constitution and no concrete proposals are made," said the Donegal based representative in a statement yesterday.

The new Government should use the opportunity to make a new beginning on the issue, he maintained. "It should adopt a strategy of seeking agreement with the British Government to make the ending of partition their joint policy aim.

"It should support all-inclusive dialogue involving all parties without preconditions."

Mr. Doherty also demanded that the Labour Party seek to repeal Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act.

Declared the Sinn Fein vice-president: "The programme says only that it will consider a freedom of information act. Sinn Fein calls on the Labour Party to implement its policy of opposition to Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act and repeal this political censorship.

"The incoming Minister for Communications should not renew the orders under Section 31 which bans Sinn Fein, a legal political party, from the airwaves."



ACE workers sponsored by Limavady Borough Council receiving their certificates in Jobsearch Skills, First Aid and Health and Safety at a special ceremony held at Limavady Town Hall. Making the presentations are Manus Martin, Development Officer Training and Employment Agency, and Charles Daly, Project Manager. Included are Francis McKeague, Dungiven, with Ronald McCarron, Limavady, and rear, Geoff Hunter, Limavady, Raymond Teague, Limavady, Myles Ferguson, Limavady, Joe Steele, Dungiven, and Vincent Kealey, Bellarena. (12/1/S7)

Udaras aid for Burtonport "Victorian" group?

CLAIMS IN the Dublin-based "Sunday Business Post" that Udaras na Gaeltachta provided grant aid for a computer games business to the "Silver Sisters" — a Victorian-style group of women who had been based in Burtonport up to a number of weeks ago — could not be substantiated yesterday. Udaras sources in the Donegal Gaeltacht and in the semi-state agency's headquarters in Galway were unable to verify whether or not grants were made available for one particular game which was later X-rated in Britain.

The report in the weekend newspaper quoted a Bunbeg-based Udaras spokesman as confirming that a feasibility grant of £15,000 had been paid to the controversial group about five years ago.

The women — who resided in the two-storey house formerly occupied by the so-called Screamers group led by Jenny James — were involved in a

number of business ventures, including making Victorian wedding dresses and running a publishing enterprise.

The last of the Victorian group left the house just before Christmas and the "Sunday Business Post" report alleged that evidence that some of them were involved in sado-masochistic practices had come to light. It also claimed that

fascist literature and anti-Semitic material was uncovered in the house along with correspondence concerning the leader of the extreme right British National Party, John Tyndall.

The women ran a school for adult women called St. Bride's in the Donegal fishing village and dressed in Victorian clothes. They labelled themselves the "Silver Sisters" and featured extensively in newspaper reports both here and in the Britain as well as attracting international media attention. Representatives from the group were interviewed

by Gay Byrne on the "Late Late Show" during their stay in Ireland.

There were reports that strict disciplinary procedures were carried out at the house.

The comprehensive and detailed report also suggested that the Atlantis community, who previously occupied the house at Burtonport, had initiated legal proceedings against the Victorian group for alleged non-payment of monies due.

An Udaras spokesperson at the agency's Galway headquarters said there was nobody available to comment on the report.

Women's Centre Open Day

The Women's Centre, at 24 Pump Street, Derry, will be holding an "Open Day" on Tuesday, 12th January, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They would like to

welcome women to drop in and enjoy the 'craic'.

It is an excellent chance to find out about the range of classes available in the Centre, and to talk with other women who have attended previous classes. Tutors will be available



Cathal Friel, Friel's Garage, Creeslough, presents Derek and Anita Peoples with the keys to the county's first registered car of 1993. Also included is baby Gareth Peoples. (12/1/D94)

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Is this your cup of tea?

AD LIB went back a hundred years over the weekend — and decided there's no time like the present.

The occasion was the publishing of a Victorian costume weekend in Longford's Carriglas Manor next September, where you can dress up in 19th Century clothing, play croquet and sip tea, all for the modest price of between £195 and £300.

Hostesses for this scintillating weekend will be Ms Tyrrell and her cousin Miss Lucinda Tyrrell, who live the life of Victorian ladies in their abode in Burtonport, Donegal. There they abide in a house which enjoys none of the features which distinguish Irish life in the 20th Century (they don't even get the Late Late Show). The Tyrrells have disconnected the electricity and warm their mittens with oil lamps and candles.

The mittens have to be seen to be believed, particularly those of Miss Lucinda Tyrrell, who is a big girl. Swathed in black lace and crowned with an enormous bonnet, she snarled along with all the majesty of Vicky herself.

She admitted that the dress caused problems, particularly when it was windy. But Victorian life was an elegant life, she said, where people kept their dignity to the fore.

Lucinda and her cousin believe that the modern world lacks grace and they are doing something to redress the balance. However, while the



● **THE NAME OF THE ROSE:** Claire Tyrrell in Victorian costume at a weekend garden party to launch a series of Victorian weekend breaks at Carriglas Manor, Co. Longford.

ladies are demure in the extreme, they looked as stately as the Hindenburg.

But fair's fair, when the Victorians went in for clothes,

they went in for a lot of clothes and the lack of central heating had to be allowed for. The two Tyrrells are at least offering something new in the way of a weekend away.

Carmencita's fare

But Mansion House tour sadly misguided

THE Hederman family may have been facing eviction from the Mansion House last weekend, but one of the family was determined to make the most of what time was left.

Ad Lib went to pay its respects to the uncrowned Queen of Ireland on Saturday, before the cruel Fianna Fail landlords threw her out onto the street. We came away with renewed faith in the future of the Irish entrepreneur.

To begin at the beginning, Carmencita had decided to throw open the doors of her famous abode to the plain people of Ireland in a last gesture before she departed. Indeed, many did turn up for a free tour of the Dawson Street mansion, which looks more sparkling now than it has for decades.

The problems began when the tour got under way. The guides may have known a thing or two about the history of great Irish houses, but they were far from forthcoming about the home of Dublin's Lord Mayor.

Of the guides present, several had been drafted in from outside Dublin for the day. One guide actually went so far as to ask his touring party whether any of them knew anything about the Mansion House, because he certainly didn't.

Another said he knew all about Newbridge House. One wit asked if he could give his Newbridge House talk because, seeing as they were all here, they might as well listen to something.

Another guide showed rather too much knowledge. When a member of the public pointed out that a gentleman in a portrait looked the spitting image of Charlie Haughey, the guide replied that Charlie had much better legs.



● **CARMENCITA:** Open a house.

However, everyone seemed to enjoy the tour, and were delighted to meet the Lord Mayor herself when she popped her head around the corner.

But the biggest thrill was still to come. Standing on the tour route was an earnest looking young man, a stock of little yellow books by his side.

The charming fellow was none other than Carmencita's son William Hederman, and the books in question were copies of his own masterwork, entitled An Historical Trail.

This featured a few pen portraits of various Dublin addresses and landmarks, beginning at Parsons Bookshop and ending at Baggot Street which, you will admit, is as small a trail as you will get.

The book had been written and published by William himself and the 24-page production retailed at £2.

The coup de grace was when William asked if you wanted an autograph with his publication.

One assumed automatically that the young man had compiled autographs of some of Ireland's most famous Lord Mayors and had reproduced them in some way.

Imagine our surprise, therefore, when William took up a copy of his own book and autographed it in a firm steady hand. "There you are," he said, handing the book back to its shocked owner.



● **ALL THAT JAZZ:** Fiona Dwyer was at the Chris Barber jazz at the Gaiety last night.

WIN! 100 tickets for Hugh Leonard's Summer



● **EMMET BERGIN**

A PLAY by Hugh Leonard is always something to look forward to and all productions of his works at the Abbey have been runaway successes.

His latest play is Summer, a tale of three married couples and two teenagers who meet on a picnic on a hill overlooking Dublin on a summer's day in 1968.

The play is directed by Eamon Morrissey and an all-star cast includes Emmet Bergin, Barbara Brennan, Catherine Byrne, Des Caves, Veronica Coburn and Clive Geraghty.

In association with the



Abbey, Ad Lib is offering 100 tickets (50 pairs) for the show of Tuesday, July 12. All you have to do is answer the questions below and send your answers on a postcard to Ad Lib, Evening Herald, 90 Middle Abbey Street to arrive not later than Thursday, July 14.

Please mark your post-

card Abbey Competition and include a daytime telephone number. Good luck!

1. What was the last Hugh Leonard play to be presented at the Abbey?
2. What is Emmet Bergin's best-known television role?
3. What new play is currently running at the Peacock Theatre?



● **WHAT A LINE-UP:** Contestants for the Queen of Daffy title await the verdict at yesterday's sun-applauded festival opening. The festival continues all week.

Lies, damme

I ONCE stood on the strand of Ballyleigh watching the net fishermen draw into their slender harvests of peal salmon. An onlooker asked an elderly fisherman if salmon ever bit people.

"Yes" said he as he gazed dejectedly at the solitary undernourished captive which struggled in his net, "they eat them that asks questions."

Said the onlooker sarcastically, "there was a 52 pound salmon caught one evening by a relation of mine in a pool up the river."

"There was a salmon caught here one time in this very place," said the Ballyleigh man without the least trace of a smile "and the salmon you talk of would only be the same as a sardine by comparison."

"What weight was he?" asked the on-

looker.

"We'll never know," said the Ballyleigh man "for there wasn't a stillers or a weighing scale in the world that could weigh him. He was taken from here to Ballybunion in a tractor and trailer and from there to London by boat."

Action to preserve the view from Stoodley

THE Environment Secretary Mr Michael Heseltine has been asked to make an emergency listing of the Calder Valley's most famous landmark, Stoodley Pike.

In an attempt to obtain formal protection for the monument to peace this newspaper has asked Mr Heseltine to designate the Pike as a building of historic and architectural interest.

This follows our story last week revealing that the Pike was not subject to any legal protection and its ownership was uncertain.

Listing of the monument would enable Calderdale Council or any interested conservation group to apply for grants towards the renovation of the Pike, which has suffered from vandalism.

Stoodley Pike has been described as "eminently listable" by Calderdale, which is not prepared to take the necessary steps to bring about listing.

The value of Stoodley Pike, by far the most prominent landmark in the valley, is also appreciated by people outside the area.

We have received the following poem: "The View from Stoodley" from Mr Paul Judges of Osbalwick Lane, York.

Someone is fumbling an ascent
in glimpses of light
to my platform.
Look! I am an uninhabitable wilderness
No place for man;
For centuries I spoke the truth.
Your victories were short lived,

and though my strength was constant
you were not.
You made outposts on my boundaries.
Tracks to cross me.
Bridges of rock
Then wood and stone;
You dug in, fashioned farmsteads
Made wool your livelihood
Divided you learnt of my vulnerability
Together you learned to harness what I had.
In the valleys
Something unique and vital was grown.
A powerful bond forged
between man and man,
Man and this.

A century or so has passed,
For you, below the surface it is black.
The division has been slow and painful
You have grown feeble in substance;
Your pride is insignificant.
The mills are almost silent.

Tea shops, craft shops;
The entrepreneurs are milking
What little seems left.
Real people are turning their backs.
I am still here.
Nothing man can create
Rivals me for long.
Though for a time
Those that came had conquered something.
Here, only the battle is permanent.
And while it rages
Sometimes open, sometimes hidden,
Nothing has won.

'Danger' foam was used in valley homes, claim

By
Caroline Sargent

A FOAM insulation feared to cause headaches, memory lapses or even cancer could have been used in Calder Valley homes.

Made with formaldehyde, the "U.F." foam which has been banned by United States consumer experts, was considered for use in homes on the problem plagued Longfield Estate at Todmorden.

But Calderdale Council building inspector Mr Vernon Wimpenny believes the insulating foam has been used on private homes in the Upper Valley.

Government Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, has been asked to investigate how many hospitals are insulated with the foam and under what standards the process is carried out.

Sprayed into cavity walls, the foam is said to give off a poisonous gas as it dries out. Experimental tests led the US consumer product safety commission to fear cancer risks and impose a ban, which has still to be ratified by Congress.

Symptoms attributed to formaldehyde exposure in homes includes: breathlessness, headaches, eye irritation, rash, malaise, sore throat, drowsiness, memory lapses and vomiting in infants.

The foam was considered as insulation for homes at Longfield when electric central heating was installed under a pilot scheme for some of the homes.

Local Architect for Calderdale, Mr Alan Parkinson, said:



Mr Wood: Be careful about insulation.

"It was ruled against for reasons other than health, before the present concern became known. Calderdale was concerned about the practice of using cavity fill insulation, because of a possibility that shrinkage might occur. It was decided not to use the foam in homes on exposed sites, he said."

Instead man-made fibres, such as polystyrene beads, had been used when the Council insulated property.

Mr Parkinson added that, so far as he was aware, there were no council houses or buildings in Calderdale which had been insulated by U.F. foam.

"It may be that some were done, before Calderdale was formed," said Mr Parkinson.

More than 1½ million homes in Britain and an unknown num-

ber of hospitals, offices and old people's homes are insulated with the foam. Another 150,000 homes are added to the list each year.

British insulation firms say their standards are higher than those in the US. The process is governed by a strict British Standards Institution voluntary scheme and the gas leaks harmlessly away through the permeable outer brick wall.

But not all firms are registered. And all buildings over 10 metres high are exempt from the B.S.I. standard.

There is medical evidence that in over 300 homes a year insulated by B.S.I. registered firms enough formaldehyde leaks through inner walls to cause ill-effects.

Chief Environmental Health Officer for Calderdale, Mr Ron Wood, warned householders to be careful when considering offers made by builders.

"I cannot recall ever checking a cavity filling being used. There is no grant for cavity wall filling and until the Government imposes control by issuing grants, there is really no reason anyone in authority should go along to check."

"People seem to accept, in my opinion often unwisely, what people say when they come round. And when they've got cavity fill insulation they may find that it is not particularly effective."

"If they aren't satisfied, all they can do, is to pull the house down," said Mr Wood. He pointed out that once cavity fill was installed, it was in for good.

But Mr Wimpenny said he understood quite a few homes in the Upper Calder Valley had been insulated with the foam.

Where the foam was used in an exposed property, problems with dampness or shrinkage could occur in the cavity wall. The building inspectors had to be careful where its use was permitted.

"We can't do anything about it at the moment. There's no way we can turn one down if the sitting's satisfactory," said Mr Wimpenny.

New regulations being introduced in April had no bearing on the foam insulation. He pointed out that it had not been proven to have an adverse effect on public health.

But Mr W. Fraser of the British Standards Institution said that it had been decided 18 months ago that those who wished to install the foam cavity insulation had to do so to the B.S.I. regulations.

He said that one of the standard provisions was that there should be a survey of the building before the work was permitted.

Mr Fraser said the gas was only given off until the foam dried. Some people were specially sensitive to the smell of formaldehyde.

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Red hot entries

FIVE local children are celebrating victory in an art competition run by Eland fire equipment firm Nu-Swift International.

The competition, run on the theme of "fire awareness", attracted some red hot entries from local schools.

In fact, local schoolchildren scooped the pool in the 15 years and over section for two dimensional work. First prize went to Lindsey Greenwood, of Todmorden High School. Second and third prizes went to two Calder High pupils, Will Godfrey and Simon Burrows.

In the category for three dimensional work Bruce Lomax and Adrian Red, of Todmorden High School, tied for this place with pupils from Rushworth School.

Judges in the competition were Mr Giles Elliot, a creative design advisor, Mr John Sturgeon, a fire prevention officer, and Mr Paul Joseph of Nu-Swift.

Local people will be able to view the work of the artists when the Nu-Swift exhibition comes to Todmorden Town Hall from March 10-13.

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TV series examines God as the Mother

TELEVISION crews moved "Behind the Veil" into the Rhennish Community of Hebden Bridge to examine women's role in religion.

The Rhennish Community, which also has a base in Industrial Street, Todmorden, will be featured on TV for the second time when the fourth and final programme of the ITV series "Behind the Veil" is shown on Sunday, at 4 pm.

This programme's title is "God the Mother". Scenes will be shown from the community's Rite of Sacrifice, in which the Rhennies offer small honey cakes to the Queen of Heaven. Some of the work and activities of the community, at Macphellan House, Hebden Bridge, will also be shown.

Members of the community will talk about their lives and beliefs during the programme. Local organiser, Sister Angelina, said: "The programme indicates a growing interest in our

matriarchal heritage and in the religion of God the Mother.

"In an age of violence and chaos, when life often seems to lack meaning and purpose, the idea of turning back to the world's first religion is attracting more and more interest."

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GARDAI PROBE 'CANE' SCHOOL

GARDAI in Co. Donegal are probing a strict Victorian school in the quiet fishing town of Burtonport.

They are investigating a complaint of assault on a young woman who stayed at St. Bride's, Ireland's most unusual school.

The remote school-house — where pupils and teachers dress in old-fashioned clothes — shuns mod-cons like TV and electricity is rarely used.

This week a Garda source told SUNDAY WORLD: "An investigation is definitely underway. A statement has been taken from a woman who claims to have been assaulted."

St. Bride's, which is listed as "erotic" in the 1990 Sex Maniacs Diary, has been hitting the headlines lately.

Self-styled mistress Miss Traill admitted to SUNDAY WORLD that she believes in strict discipline, even caning, for those who put a foot out of place.

Bottom

Just recently, a 23-year-old English girl, Sophia Jones, told a newspaper how she was caned beaten while a housemaid at the strange school.

Sophia claims that a member of staff would take her to a bedroom, make her lie on the bed and then cane her on the bottom and the tops of her thighs.

She added that the rooms were cold and damp and the food horrible.

Sophia eventually ran away and was taken in by a local family who helped her get back to her home in Bolton near Manchester.

Last Christmas, school mistress Miss Traill told SUNDAY WORLD that she had a cane which is used "when someone does something we consider

From ED McKENNA in Burtonport

wrong". However she insisted it was only used when the person receiving the caning agreed, and only through her petticoat.

St. Bride's was once used by the controversial Screemers Cult, when it was known as Atlantis House.

Miss Traill re-named it St. Bride's School for Young Girls and specialised in holidays where women longing to escape the pressures of modern life could relax.

They wore Victorian schoolgirl uniforms and had boarding-school style discipline.

Although the schoolgirl holidays have practically stopped, special guests mainly from England, are still made welcome.



• Sophia Jones who claimed she was caned while a housemaid.

Defectors halted by the planeload!

A DARING plan by dozens of Bulgarian passengers to stage a mass defection at Shannon Airport was narrowly thwarted by the Communist state authorities last week.

The would-be refugees were on a flight from Sofia to Cuba and had planned to jump plane during the brief Shannon stopover. Bulgarian State Radio claimed.

But the authorities were tipped off about the plan and prevented the jet from taking off.

The state radio said that "dozens" of people were

held by police as a full-scale inquiry was launched into the mass defection attempt.

Shannon Airport has been a favourite jumping-point for Bulgarian defectors seeking political asylum in the West. But there has never been a planned defection on this scale.

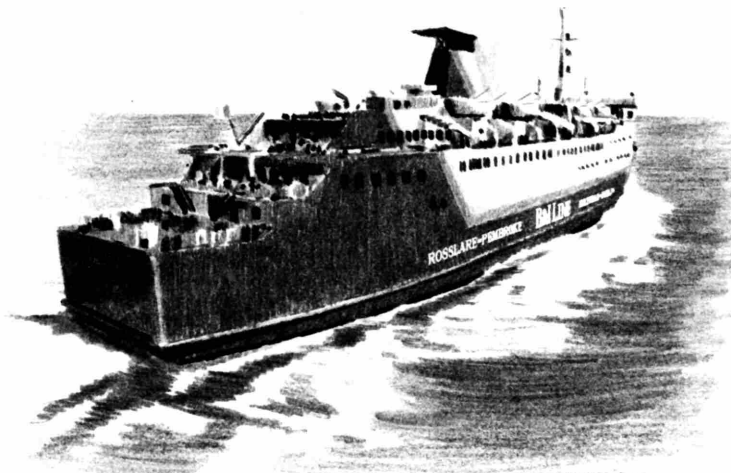
Last year two Bulgarians, three Soviet citizens, and five Poles were among the 36 immigrants who sought refugee status in Ireland.

Neither the Irish Departments of Justice or Foreign Affairs had any knowledge of the planned mass defection by the planeload of Bulgarians.



• School 'mistress' Miss Traill in the classroom - she believes in strict discipline for those who put a foot wrong.

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LITTON. — On May 22, 1992, at the Northampton House, Bedfordshire, England, Edward Aspinall, aged 93 years, husband of the late Alice (nee Aspinall).

HARRISON. — The family of the late Elizabeth Anne Harrison would like to express their thanks for the beautiful floral tributes, cards of condolence and donations received during this sad time, a special thank you to the staff at the medical centre, for their help and kindness, also to all who attended the funeral service and a grateful thank you to Rev S. Kirby, for his kind and comforting words.

HEARING. — Matthew and Sue wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards of condolence and donations received during this sad time, a special thank you to the family doctor and the gang, for all their help and a grateful thank you to Rev P. Mackleburgh, for his help and kindness.

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OBITUARY

Postmaster Mr David Parish, aged 56

THE funeral took place last week of David Parish, Heptonstall's postmaster for the past seven years.

He died on May 22, aged 56, after a 10 month illness. A very popular figure in the village, David remained cheerful despite his illness and was never hard to complain, writes Ursula Lamb.

More than 300 relatives and friends attended the service at Heptonstall Parish Church to reflect David's love of music, the Hepton Singers and members of the Hepton Spring Music Festival Choir sang Ave Verum and St Patrick's Breanpate, accompanied by former Heptonstall organist, George Smart. Jesus Gave read David's favourite extract from T. S. Eliot's Four Quartets.

The Rev John Harrison, a former Vicar of Heptonstall, summed up the qualities that made David so well liked.

"Patient, kind, unselfish, not flying off the handle, steady and reliable, but with his very sense of humour and powerful humanity. We're going to miss his very much," he said.

Hailing from Manchester, David trained as a teacher after his National Service and taught English, drama and religious instruction in Manchester and later Gloucester. He strongly encouraged youngsters to act and sang very much enjoyed a A level in Music last year.

David also did a lot of voluntary work with his long distance walks. It was during a hike that he discovered Heptonstall and bought a cottage in 1970 which was used as a mini "youth hostel". The cottage later became home when he moved from the village from Gloucester with his wife, Judith, and family, Jillian, Edward and Susan in 1984. He and Judith had known each other as teachers in Manchester and after meeting again several years later they married in 1983.

David enjoyed taking part in the annual Heptonstall Race Play playing the character of Topsy. He was also a regular in the Village Varieties show and an enthusiastic supporter of the Hepton Bridge Lions Club.

A member of Heptonstall Parish Church Council, David served as vicar, appearing in A level for All Seasons last year. He and his family spent a long holiday on the remote Scottish island a month before he died.

As a memorial for David, Heptonstall village plan to buy a seat at the Heptonstall Race Play. On Friday, June 12, following the funeral, the Heptonstall bell ringers rang a quarter peal bell muffled at a tribute to a man who epitomised community spirit.

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GOING TO THE GULLERS

By Issy Shannon

TO the outsider, pigeon racing is one of those inexplicable activities which shares the same close-clothed image as whistler racing.

Enthusiasts, however, would claim that it is one of the very few sports which all age groups can enjoy and is as cheap — or expensive — as you care to make it.

For every loft, equipped with all the latest technology and housing hundreds of birds, there are the more humble structures of the keen amateur who breeds at home.

One of the most popular pigeon racing societies in the north is the Heptonstall Homing Society, which was founded in 1930, but gave up in the late 1950s.

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PREPARING for the race the next day, Heptonstall Homing Society members, Clive Roberts, left, and Fred Hunter, ring the pigeons before placing them in crates for overnight travel to the release point.

are the Longhorns brothers, of Heptonstall — John, aged 85, and Ernest, aged 83. The youngest are Scott Sheard and Daniel Hunter, both 14 years old.

Daniel races with his father, Fred, and the whole family, who live at Charlton, are involved. An initially reluctant member, Ellen Longbottom helps her father and uncle, who were "getting on and needed a hand," she explained.

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TRIO arrested after noise complaint

THREE Hebden Bridge men were fined by Tordornem magistrates when they admitted using threatening or abusive words or behaviour outside the house of a Heptonstall resident.

David Colclough (19), of Victoria Road, and John Philip Dempsey (19) of Hagon Estate, were both fined £50. Clive Greenwood (24), of Church View, Elvess Estate, was fined £75. All three were ordered to pay £20 costs.

Mr Philip Standfast, prosecuting, said the police were called to an address in Northgate, Heptonstall, shortly after 11 am on Friday April 17. There had been a complaint from a resident that a number of men with a baseball bat were gathered at their windows to watch what was going on.

The police arrived and found the three men, but there was no sign of the bat. They were all being noisy and appeared to have been drinking as they were told to go home.

They refused to leave and Dempsey was arrested and put in a cell. The other two were released after a short wait.

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WOMEN INSERSED

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How green is Julie's Welsh valley

STILL LISSOM as the prime-of-life lovely in *Darling and Far From The Madding Crowd* in the 1960s, Julie Christie's 50-year-old self is a revelation.

No surgeon can take credit for the supple figure and fresh face that appeared in the foyer of the Savoy Cinema on Thursday evening for the premiere of her latest film *Fools of Fortune*. The famous English actress is a committed environmental activist and a paragon of healthy living.

She arrived in Dublin on Thursday directly from her green hideaway in Cefn-y-Coed near Montgomery in the remote lowlands of Wales, where she lives in a renovated farmhouse, motoring in and out to the local town in a vintage Morris Marina car.

Ms Christie stayed at Dublin's Berkeley Court Hotel, and after the premiere retired to take a champagne and fresh salmon supper at The Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, together with her co-stars on *Fools of Fortune*, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Tom Hickey



Alison Doody: new lead role and Mick Lally — all shepherded by Irish director Pat O'Connor.

Reaction to the film was muted, though the torrential rain which drenched guests in their first-night finery on O'Connell Street after the show put a dampener on positive conversation. But initial press reaction to the film in the US was no less warty. Em-

pire, the American film magazine, proclaimed that *Fools of Fortune* was "a terrific advertisement for the Irish landscape, but it's not likely to sell much popcorn in Iowa". It's felt that the movie won't move much outside the arthouse circuit, although the date for a US release isn't yet settled.

Julie Christie's long-standing boyfriend is *Guardian* journalist, Duncan Campbell, who was unable to accompany the actress to Dublin. He's in Italy, covering the World Cup.

Meanwhile, Ireland's cinematic golden girl, Alison Doody, has landed her first lead role as a beautiful 18th century debutante in the film adaptation of Barbara Cartland's *Duel of Love*. The film, which is currently being shot on location at Althrop House, childhood home of the Princess of Wales, Lady Diana Spencer, in Northamptonshire. *Duel of Love* also stars Geraldine Chaplin, daughter of the legendary 'little tramp' Charlie Chaplin, Benedict Taylor and Michael York.



Actress Julie Christie with Irish director Pat O'Connor at the premiere of *Fools of Fortune* on Thursday



Wedding smiles: Mairéad Byrne and Maurice Mason following their marriage in Adare last weekend

Limerick rocks for wedding revels

By Nancy Connolly

THE QUIET village of Adare in County Limerick was rocking last weekend as some of the best known revellers gathered for the wedding of PR supremo, Mairéad Byrne and Maurice Mason, of Guinness Peat Aviation.

The Dunraven Arms Hotel in Adare was literally hopping as one of the best known and most popular PR person in the business tied the nuptial knot with her colleague from GPA. Looking radiant in a cream lace, figure-hugging gown, Mairéad's biggest problem was limiting her extensive list of friends to the 200 guests who finally witnessed the happy event.

The couple met whilst working together at Shanahan over a year ago, and, after a short honeymoon in West Cork, will be moving to New York to work at the GPA offices in downtown Manhattan. Mairéad is no stranger to America, she worked on the Michael Dukakis presidential campaign for the American elections two years ago.

The wedding was attended by some of the most formidable PR people in the business, including Eileen Gleeson, Mary McCarthy and Ryanair's Ann O'Callaghan. It turned out to be a weekend affair with most of the guests staying on at Adare until Sunday.

Ruby waxes on wild Celts

WOMANHOOD'S revenge for Bernard Manning, the irreverent Ms Ruby Wax, is on her way to Ireland next month to track down some wild Celtic eccentricities for her next comic chat-show, due to be screened by the BBC early next year.

The American comedienne, who moved to Britain four years ago in a welter of controversy, lived up to her bawdy US reputation by playing her profane comedy before an audience of stony-faced Muscovites in the last *Wax* on *Wheel's* series, and, closer to home, for stupefying Gaybo with her frank discourse on matters gynaeological.

Now she plans to people her next TV series with colourful Irish eccentricities, from White witches in Westford to Victorian schoolmarm in County Donegal. BBC researchers James O'Connell and Karen Stoye made a covert visit to these shores last week to track down their offbeat subject in the strangest of lairs throughout the land.

"We found White witch



with Mario

Lord Strathloch and his sister Olivia down in Clonsilla Castle just fascinating," says Karen, who is now drawing up a shortlist of guests for the January show.

"We have also been speaking to the wonderful Captain Feenah, head of Mercier press in Cork, and, in fact, his most famous author, John B. Keane, was a great help to us during our stay," she says. Also short-listed to appear on the show is Belgian textile designer

and artist Lily Van Hoost, who lives "in a kind of a shack," says Karen, down in County Cork and whose latest exhibition relies heavily on the interweaving of dyed ladies' tights.

The Victorian ladies resident in Saint Bride's at Bur-

port in County Donegal are Ruby's favourite Irish characters, though Karen can vouch that one of the 'ladies' is actually a man.

"Oh, yes, it's quite obvious when you meet them that one is actually a man in a kind of period drag," insists Karen, "and he didn't seem to mind that we noticed."

Also on the list of interesting Irish characters due to appear on the show is Kathleen O'Connor, a married ex-nun who is anxious to return to the convent, and Cork naturalist, Tom O'Byrne, who once lived in the Australian outback.

Ruby Wax: irreverent

Top horse trainer is back on form again

DOWN, but definitely not out, renowned horse trainer, Henry Cecil regained some of his pre marriage-split form at Ascot this week when 'Chimes of Freedom', trained for

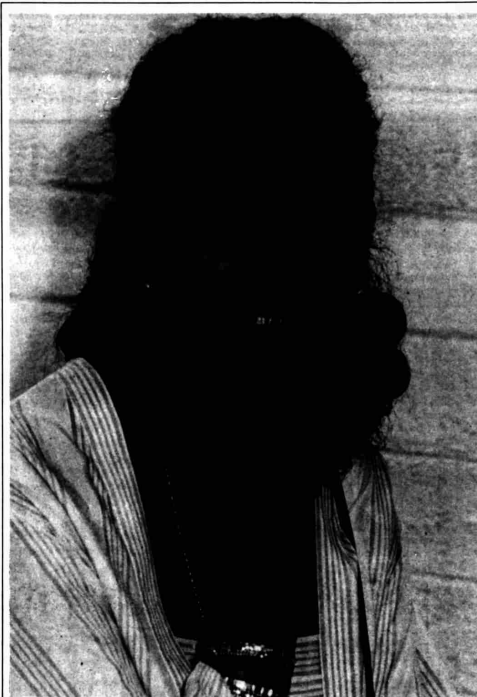
Greek billionaire, Stavros Niarchos, won the Coronation Stakes. Henry moved from his Warren Place Stables when he split with his wife of 24 years, Julia Murlless, last January.

The Hunter Chase is on course

A NEW social addition to the busy Horse Show week calendar is the Hunter Chase Ball which will be held at The Hotel Conrad on Wednesday, 18 July.

Organised on behalf of the Ballymacdonald Hunt in County Meath, host for the evening will be joint masters of the hunt, Professor Austin Darraugh and his son David.

Organisers of the more established 'Horse Show Ball' at The Berkeley Court needn't feel usurped. The young set will still flock to that popular Friday night bash, while the 'Hunter Chase' should attract the older equestrians.



Dr Rieta Powell: former Miss World title-holder now living in Dublin

Beauty queen exchanges her make-up case for a GP's bag

MISS WORLD 1965, Indian beauty queen Rieta Farrera, came out of her "domestic" exile in the Dublin suburb of Rathgar last Monday to greet the Anglo-Indian actors of the Tara Arts Group performing at The Project Arts Centre for the first fortnight.

Reita, who occasionally practices as a doctor under her married name, Dr Rieta Powell, moved to Ireland back in 1972, seven years after her historic beauty pageant victory — the only Indian woman ever to claim the title.

The statuette doctor was at the Project on the invitation of British ambassador, Sir Nicholas Fenn, who hosted the reception. The British Consul contributed £8,000 towards

the Tara Group's Irish tour, which also brings the *Yes Minister*-style comedy, *The Government Inspector* to Waterford and Cork.

Also at the Project to welcome his compatriot performers was India's ambassador to Ireland, His Excellency Mr. Prem Stungar. Dressed in the style of the Raj, in an ornate 'kurta' jacket and loose trousers, the Indian diplomat was regretting the forthcoming end of his mission in Ireland.

"I have been in Ireland for four years now, and expect soon to be recalled to Delhi," said the genial Mr Stungar. "I've had a marvellous time here, there's a history of good relations between Ireland and India which has made my job all the more pleasant."

SEALING with a batting

stamp, the invitations to the re-opening of Stokers' Restaurant on Harcourt Street this Tuesday look like a summons to a celebration blood-letting in deepest Transylvania. Stokers' resides in the basement of the house where 'Dracula' creator, Bram Stoker, spent much of his married life. The new owners are ex-model Liz McAnthony and her husband Austin.

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Gentry landed again

THOSE FAMED leaders of the Tipperary landed-gentry set, the McAlmonts, have found a substitute family seat for their magnificent 'Mount Juliet' home, which they sold to Toyota's managing director, Tim Mahoney three years ago.

Mount Juliet was converted into a weekend playground for the rich as a 'half-hotel, half-country-club', while Major Victor McAlmont moved to a more modest abode in nearby Thomastown.

New Victor's eldest son, Harry McAlmont, a noted horse trainer, has bought the beautiful Georgian 'Tynte House' near Dunlavin and the McAlmont fam-

ily are landed once more, albeit outside of their 'home' county.

McAlmont reportedly paid in the region of half a million pounds for the large and architecturally striking period retreat, which also boasts 120 acres of dense forest broken by rolling parkland.

He has no plans to sacrifice Tynte Park to commerce, and is committed to maintaining it as a family home.

Now Tynte Park's former owner and current resident, Jackie O'Halloran, is packing up her treasures for a long haul West. Jackie is married to veteran Irish actor Jack O'Halloran, Robert Mitchum's co-star in

Farwell My Lovely. She is planning to join her husband in Hollywood where he is bent on reviving a recently dormant career.

The quiet country life at Tynte Park has been in sharp contrast to Jackie's earlier incarnation as a swinging London socialite. In the sixties she was regularly to be found partying with the movers on the music scene, including members of the Rolling Stones.

Back in the 1970s, Jackie was married to an heir to the Hill Samuel banking millions, and lived the life of a fashionable heiress before her marriage break-up left her with a comfortable settlement and the finance to buy Tynte Park.



Michael Smurfit: birthday plans

Michael backs a losing bet

ALREADY suffering paper losses on his investments in Classic Thoroughbreds Plc, Michael Smurfit hasn't been having much luck recently with his own private stable. The pulp king and racehorse owner stood to win £125,000 in bets if 'Missionary Ridge', the horse he co-owns with British businessman, Sir Gordon White, had won the Derby. But, after a flying start, the horse fell back to come in tenth.

Smurfit joined the British hot pool at Ascot this week, where he was already discussing plans to celebrate his 54th birthday next August in lavish Smurfit style. He and wife Brigitte plan to host a cruise around the coast of Greece and Turkey for a selection of friends from their wide social circle.

Tourist village hit by blasts

THREE explosions yesterday rocked a row of terraced houses in the Bronte tourist village of Howarth in West Yorks, injuring three firemen fighting a blaze which followed a gas seepage.

The first blast was in the home of Mrs Hilda Wheway, who was out at the time. She was later taken to hospital suffering from shock.

The firemen were called to a house fire after gas from a broken main leaked into several houses. Police evacuated the area after the first blast.

Eighteen houses in the cul-de-sac were affected by the explosions, which began shortly after breakfast time.

The first happened in Mrs Wheway's cellar where firemen were working. Two of the three men injured were caught in this blast. They were not seriously hurt, a Gas spokesman said, the source of the explosions was still not known and the cause of the fracture could not be ascertained until the gas main could be examined.

He added: "Our engineers will begin their investigation as soon as they can get to the fractured main. We know gas seeped into some of the houses but we still do not know what ignited it."

People evacuated from their homes were expected to return last night, but the occupants of five houses directly affected by the leak and explosions stayed with relatives and friends.

DIGEST

TV signal

THE GOVERNMENT is to continue to press ahead for the C-MAC system to be adopted as the standard system for satellite television, Home Secretary Mr Leon Brittan has said.

Pit vote

A PITHEAD ballot of miners' union members will be held today to elect a new general secretary to succeed Mr Lawrence Daly (58), who is retiring early for health reasons.

Strike threat

BRITAIN'S last naval hospital in South East London faces a strike today in protest over the closure of its operating theatres. Staff fear this is the first move towards closing the entire hospital.

New powers

NIGERIA'S new military rulers have passed a law empowering them to detain people for three months without trial.

Sighted

A TASMANIAN tiger, a unique marsupial feared extinct for half a century, has been sighted by a wildlife service ranger.

Chief held

ARGENTINE General Ramon Camps, a former police chief of Buenos Aires province, has been arrested and charged with responsibility for the disappearance and death of several thousand people.

Mamie's reunion prayers answered

TEARS washed away 40 years of heartache at a family reunion party yesterday for a South Yorkshire mother.

Mrs Mamie Shepherd, (62), of Mexborough, was forced to part with her twin babies when her first husband Bill was killed on the last day of the battle of El Alamein.

Mamie, then 21, had a 14-month-old son to bring up and because of the circumstances, had twins Rosemary and Roger adopted. But every year Mamie prayed she would see the twins again.

After Rosemary visited El Alamein she discovered her mother lived in the Mexborough area.

An article in the local paper brought a response from her elder brother Dennis and yesterday the family held a reunion at Mamie's home.

But it was tinged with a little disappointment—Roger, from Leicester, was unable to be present because of business commitments, although

he did surprise his mother with a visit earlier.

Rosemary, who lives in Cornwall, said: "We just could not speak for the first few minutes. We were pretty choked and fighting back the tears."

"We have a lot to talk about and a lot of catching up to do," she said.

Mamie and her second husband Arthur suddenly acquired four more grandchildren, making a total of 14.

"It's marvellous. It's a feeling you just cannot put into words," said Mamie. "It's very emotional. You just can't find words to say to each other."

"There were a few tears but in my heart I knew one day I would see the twins again."

"If you pray hard enough for a thing it will happen."

"I didn't put them out of my world after they went. They were still part of me and I thought about them all through the years."



Mum Mamie with son Dennis and long-lost daughter Rosemary.

'Hit-man' denies sex tangle plot

by Daily Post Reporters

CONVICTED killer Julian Zajac claimed the spinster who allegedly hired him to murder a woman was involved in a lesbian triangle a court was told yesterday.

Zajac (29), serving a life sentence for the murder of solicitor's wife Shirley Randall at her home near Bristol last February, was said to have talked of the triangle to a double killer while they were both awaiting trial.

The prosecution at Winchester Crown Court alleges that Zajac was hired for £10,000 by retired businesswoman Kathleen Calhaem (57), to murder Mrs Rendell.

Calhaem, of Cheddar, Somerset, has denied a charge of murder.

It is claimed that Mrs Rendell (46), was having an affair with Calhaem's solicitor, 63-year-old Mr Kenneth Pigot, and that Calhaem was in love with him, although he ignored her.

Mr George Carman, QC, defending, suggested to Zajac yesterday that in the hope of getting his sentence reduced he had invented the allegation that Calhaem sent him on "a mission to murder."

"Did you say that, after reporting to Miss Calhaem on a number of occasions, you realised she was wealthy and probably involved in a lesbian triangle?" asked Mr Carman. Zajac denied this. He also

denied saying he had hoped to find out something about Calhaem's lesbian relationships so he could blackmail her.

Mr Carman read extracts from notes he said Zajac had pushed under a cell door to another prisoner.

In one he is alleged to have said: "My heart tells me it is wrong to bargain with the evidence, but it is wrong to want to have a chance to prove to my family I am not evil and to look after them?"

Mr Carman said Zajac went to Mrs Rendell's home with the intention of frightening her, but went berserk.

He banged her head repeatedly with a hammer so that her brains fell out and cut her throat with a knife. (The trial continues).



Kathleen Calhaem

Classroom capers for adults

THE DAYS of St Trinians are set to make a comeback in the unlikely surroundings of an Irish fishing community.

For £95 a week, mature women yearning for their jolly hockey sticks schooldays can have that atmosphere specially recreated in a converted County Donegal hotel. In premises renamed "St Brigid's" just outside the village of Burtonport, the "girls" will dress in gymslips and bonnets and use the chalk and slates of Britain's education past.

"School" administrator Miss Deborah McBride said yesterday: "Our aim is to reproduce a typical girls' school environment for women who want to take a holiday from being an adult."

The women who enrol are expected to be aged about 50. There will be lessons, but at playtime they will be able to play tag and hide-and-seek and go skipping.

N-base workers contaminated

SIX PEOPLE have been contaminated with radiation from plutonium in an incident at the Ministry of Defence's top secret Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston.

A leak occurred when plutonium was being transferred from a store within a controlled area of the site.

The six men received surface contamination of their clothes and skin, but scrubbing and washing removed it.

Further tests were made on the chests of four of the men to check for internal contamination from radioactivity, but none was found.

The incident happened on Tuesday in a store within a building, and is viewed officially as a relatively small incident, according to Whitehall sources yesterday.

There was no danger to the public and no release of radiation into the atmosphere, said a spokesman.

Row over 'racist' fares plan

MORE immigrants can now apply for Government help in paying their fares to go back home.

New guidelines announced yesterday mean that applicants need no longer to have a poor work record, or be judged to have "failed to settle" in Britain.

And the earnings limit of £5 above supplementary benefit level is to be raised to £20.

The move was outlined by Home Office under-secretary David Waddington, but a row erupted with accusations of "racism" flung across the Chamber as Tory right-winger Harvey Proctor welcomed the "political courage" of the decision.

Mr Waddington stressed it would be quite wrong to give the impression to people lawfully settled in Britain that they were "unwelcome and ought to clear off".

Print row boss sacks reporters

NINE journalists yesterday found themselves unemployed yesterday after they were sacked by Messenger boss Eddie Shah.

Within hours of the NGA climb-down over mass picketing the newspaper proprietor served dismissal notices on nine members of the NUJ who have been refusing to cross printers' picket lines at his Stockport office.

And yesterday Mr Shah announced that he still intended to sue the NGA for damages of more than £100,000 which he alleges arises out of security and other measures during last November's violent demonstrations outside his Warrington printworks.

He also stated that before any negotiations could be started with the aim of reinstating the six printers sacked for refusing to work alongside non-union labour, the NGA would have to drop its demand for a closed shop.

The nine journalists received their dismissal notices in yesterday morning's post. Following a meeting later yesterday their spokesman, Simon Howarth, said the sackings would lead to an escalation of the dispute.

"It is not just a coincidence that following the NGA decision to purge its contempt, we have been dismissed," he said. "But we intend to fight for reinstatement."

But Mr Shah said last night that the journalists could apply to have their jobs back.

Retrial in 'tramp' case

A retrial was ordered yesterday in the "Lady and the Tramp" attempted murder case at the Old Bailey.

A jury was unable to decide whether Miss Gabrielle Burdard (25), had set light to tramp Godfrey Taunton, (35), a former public schoolboy, with whom she had fallen in love.

When the jury failed to reach a verdict after 3½ hours, the Common Sergeant, Judge David Tudor Price, ordered a new trial.

Putting pressure on a crippling disease

NEWS EXTRA

By David Finlay

Plight of the thirsty animals

AS the North-east's human population shrinks in the Arctic weather an Aberdeen animal welfare inspector has a timely tale of woe from the animal kingdom.

Humans were recently made aware of the need to conserve water when snow piled up and blocked an aqueduct at a Deslade treatment works.

But Inspector George Rose claims people are not always aware of the importance of water to animals.

He works for the Aberdeen Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which has taken out a huge local newspaper advert to remind people of animals' plight at this time of year.

It urges people to always make water available in the home or farm, and illustrates cattle attempting to smash ice on a farm trough.

"A frozen trough is an empty trough," it explains.

Not providing sufficient water for animals is a prevalent fault with pet owners, claims Mr Rose.

"If you were to go out around places where animals are kept, you would have no difficulty in finding lots and lots of troughs where there are breaks in the ice and can't get a drink because the water is frozen."

Animals kept outside should also be sheltered from the elements with windbreak, he points out.

EVERY day Mrs Christine Anderson travels to an out-of-the-way industrial estate on the outskirts of Aberdeen to "dive" for the treasure of better health.

She is one of the band of multiple sclerosis sufferers in the North-east flocking to Dye to try a controversial treatment that has claimed a high success rate in relieving the disabling effects of the illness.

Christine, from Elton, is almost midway through the initial 20 one-hour daily sessions in the pressurised hyperbaric chamber, similar to a diving chamber, run by Action Research for Multiple Sclerosis.

"I used to be a great reader but I get double vision now. But my eye-sight seems to be coming back a wee bit. I would put it down to the hyperbaric sessions," she said.

RETURN

Some other regulars who return for weekly or fortnightly "top ups" report even greater improvement.

For some, like John Keimann of Aberdeen, the gnawing pain in his legs that came with the disease has gone.

Bob Shaw of Grampian ARMS, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, said: "A lot of people have shown big improvements. About 80% of the people with bladder trouble are better for example."

He makes it plain that the hyperbaric, in which people go down to "depths" of between 16 and 33 feet and are given pure oxygen, is not a cure.

But the self-help treatment has drawn severe criticism from



□ In the chamber at Dye are John Keimann and Gwyneth Dryburgh under the watchful eye of Bob Shaw.

neurologists and the Multiple Sclerosis Society — which ARMS split from about a decade ago.

"The history of the disease is absolutely littered with claims like this," said the general secretary of the Multiple Sclerosis Society John Watford.

"One of the last claimed 'treatments' was snake venom and 30 years ago people were taking arsenic," he said.

He expressed fears that many people might be disappointed and could even suffer from the treatment if hyperbaric chambers don't live up to expectations.

But the idea has prompted enough interest among the medical profession for the Multiple Sclerosis Society to undertake a research programme.

Bob Shaw of ARMS said: "I don't know if it is all in the mind or not but that doesn't matter if people are feeling better."



□ The ARMS centre at Dye (left to right) — Gwyneth Dryburgh, Christine Anderson, Bob Shaw and John Keimann.

BRIDING NOTES

DESPITE the wintry conditions 28 pairs came from as far afield as Fraserburgh, Banff, New Pinnock and Inverurie to play in the Rennie Trophy for married couples on Sunday.

This year's results: 1 Mr and Mrs R. Nairn 396; 2 Mr and Mrs C. J. Gould 385; 3 Mr and Mrs R. Fraser 364.

The Dutch Seion individual competition played in the Bridge Club on Saturday was won by Mr David Campbell with 178 points.

Scotland beat Wales in the first of the international matches at Perth over the weekend, playing 30 boards a match.

Scotland led 8-4, 7-4, 11-1.

The Scottish team consisted of K. Baxter, J. Paterson, T. N. Culbertson, R. Barstow, W. Coyle and B. Shenkin.

RESULTS

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Bride of the Week

This week's "Bride of the Week" is Linda Clark (nee O'Neill), of 14 Ayr Road, Aberdeen. She was married to Mr. Clark, of 21 Ayr Road, Aberdeen, on Sunday, 19th January, at St. Margaret's Church, Aberdeen.

Women get gym slip holidays

THE days of St Trinians are set to make a comeback in the unlikely surroundings of an Irish fishing village.

For 285-a-week mature women searching for their jelly hockey sticks school days can have that atmosphere specially recreated in a converted County Donegal hotel.

In premises renamed "St. Brides", just outside the village of Buncrana, the "girls" will dress in gym slips and bonnets and use the chalk and slates of Britain's educational past.

There will be lessons in maths, English grammar and art as well as the opportunity to take part in more active schoolgirl pursuits.

"School" administrator Miss Deborah McBride said today: "Our aim is to reproduce a typical girls' school environment for women who want to take a holiday from being an adult."

The women who enrol are expected to be aged about 36. At playtime they will be able to play tag and hide-and-seek and go skipping.

"By a dozen women a time will be accepted for the courses, due to run throughout the summer. Most "Pupils" will be from Britain following advertisements in publications like "The New Statesman".

Miss McBride, from Camberley, Surrey, said: "We will be catering for ordinary people who would like a break from the modern world."

The trial continues.

Boost for lifeboat fund

PETERHEAD Harbour trustees have launched the Fraserburgh Lifeboat Appeal with a £2000 cheque.

Mr James Buchanan, collector of shore dues, said today that the trustees wish to be associated with the appeal as a lot of Fraserburgh fishing boats landed catches and used facilities at the port.

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The contribution was in response to a letter from Mr Adam Currie, master of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh on behalf of the city's lord provost initiated the appeal and said that raising the required finance would be a "daunting task."

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PRINCE'S ROYAL

Dublin to go PURPLE in June and SUNDAY WORLD will be

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By our pop writer
EDDIE ROWLEY

HIS Royal Purpleness Prince is returning to Ireland for a major open-air concert at Dublin's RDS next June, in association with SUNDAY WORLD.

Tickets for the sensational 'Diamonds & Pearls' tour are expected to go on sale next month. The

exact date of the show has yet to be finalised. Pop idol Prince's last performance in Ireland was

at Cork's Pairc Uí Chaoimh in July, 1990. The pint-sized performer turned on the magic before an audience of 55,000 ecstatic fans.

Top Irish promoter Jim Aiken decided to kick off the Irish showbiz 1992 calendar with one of the music industry's biggest stars.

SUNDAY WORLD will be offering Prince fans the opportunity to win tickets to the big showbiz extravaganza of the year in the near future. Watch our competition section for further details!



• Prince — open air concert in the RDS, Dublin.



• Maria De Colwyn.

THE spanking school-ma'ams from Donegal charge £75 for hour-long caning sessions, they revealed this week.

But they denied reports in SUNDAY WORLD they are linked to headline right-winger John Tyndall of the neo-Nazi British National Front.

Maria De Colwyn, self-styled "mistress of St. Bride's School for Young Ladies" in Burtonport, Co. Donegal was fined £100 and received a suspended sentence last year in Glenties Court for caning one of her "servants" so badly there were welts on her buttocks and thighs.

De Colwyn uses several aliases including Mary Scarlett, Clair Traill, and Priscilla Tyrrell and currently operates from what she calls the Imperial Embassy at 58 Florence Park Road in Oxford — a centre for her Romantic movement which allegedly believes in Victorian morals, standards and dress.

But this week it was discovered the "embassy" was also advertising discipline sessions in a well-known sex contact magazine 'Forum', using the same telephone number as the posh-voiced Victorian mistresses.

Two other people who rang the number and said they were interested in attending the private sessions for "lessons" were told strict obedience and traditional discipline would involve being caned and spanked with a leather strap.

They were also told the cost was £75 an hour.

The advert was among personal advertisements in which men and women

WE'LL CANE YOU FOR £75 OFFER BY SPANKERS

By **JIM CAMPBELL**

offered to dominate and chastise clients in an erotic fashion — coded language in sex contact magazines for spanking sessions.

Right next to this advert was another one for 'The Feminine Regime, a Classic novel of feminine dominance and submission' issued by The Wildfire Club in West London.

As revealed in SUNDAY WORLD this club provides "bonded servants" who submit themselves to mistresses and accept canings and spanking at their whim. The Wildfire Club operates from a postal address used by De Colwyn for her small publishing house.

Bondage

It was also revealed in SUNDAY WORLD how holidays at St. Bride's in Burtonport, with the name changed to Kincashleigh House, were advertised in 'Skin Two' — a British magazine catering for sadomasochists, and bondage and spanking enthusiasts.

De Colwyn and her retinue visited the Donegal base over Christmas but had left before police could talk to her about the outstanding fine.

In a statement issued in Oxford to SUNDAY WORLD this week De Colwyn using the alias Clair Tyrrell and giving the Burtonport address, denied she was linked to Tyndall.

But she said a cousin of hers, who uses the alias Lucinda Tyrrell, "has conducted an occasional correspondence with Mr. Tyndall merely because she enjoys debating various views in an intelligent fashion."



SMOKING CAUSES HEART DISEASE
Government Warning



One of the top jobs paid in Ireland has gone to a rank outsider ahead of several well-known names on the political scene, writes John Dowling.

The job as head of the EC parliament's Dublin office — worth £1,500 per week plus perks — has gone to Dr. Frank O'Brien (above), a director of the Federation of Irish Employers' (FIE) it was finally confirmed last night after six months of speculation.

Dr. O'Brien was chosen ahead of former general secretary Frank Wall, and former Labour MEPs John Horgan and Flor O'Mahony. The job is viewed by many as combining EC pay, perks and tax regime with the added benefits of a more relaxed Irish lifestyle.

Last night at his home in Dublin, Dr. O'Brien, confirmed that he has accepted the appointment and said he is "delighted" at the news.

BRIEFLY

FF's nervous 'benchers'

THE Taoiseach faces back-bench criticism today of an inevitable government decision to hold local government elections next June.

Looming crises over the health services, farm incomes and An Post's plans for sub-post offices will undermine Fianna Fail control of local councils. But Mr. Haughey is expected to reject the arguments of nervous backbenchers during a two-day discussion.

Unions query Foods 'plan'

UNIONS at Avonmore and Waterford Foods are to meet their respective management as the speculation continues about the merger of both firms.

Both SIPTU and the ATGWU are to query the reports of a merger and demand assurances and guarantees in respect of security of employment and the protection of terms and conditions.

Seaweed sales surge

AN unprecedented demand for seaweed products has opened up a new era of prosperity for small farmers and inshore fishermen along the northwest coast.

Staff at the Arramara Tea processing plant at Burtonport are working round-the-clock shifts.

Celt fest moves west

GALWAY is set for a tourism bonanza from April 2 to 7 with more than 5,000 visitors expected in the city for the 20th annual International Pan Celtic Festival which has moved from Killybeg to the first time.

People are set to come from Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall, Galicia, Catalonia and Brittany.

New houses

PLANNING permission has been granted for a 14m housing development on lands attached to the former religious house in Galway city run by the Redemptorist order at Wellpark. The development, by O'Malley Construction, includes 81 new houses.

Silver Sisters pupil stripped and birched

WELTS and bruises were found on the buttocks and thighs of a pupil of a school run by a group called The Silver Sisters in Burtonport, Co. Donegal, after she was chastised by the principal, Dungloe Court heard yesterday.

The court was told that St. Bride's School was run along Victorian lines and that the pupil, Ms. Sophie Jones, who was 21 at the time, was stripped

and lashed with a birch for breaking the school rules.

Ms. Maria da Colwyn, the principal, was given a two-month suspended jail sentence by Justice Liam McMenamin for assaulting Ms. Jones on November 7, 1989. Describing it as a case of "irrational behaviour", he also fined the defendant £100, commenting that this would get back some of the legal aid Ms. da Colwyn had received. Neither the defendant nor the complainant was in court.

The court heard that Ms. Jones,

who went back to England with her father after the incident, fled to the local Garda station for sanctuary after being birched by the defendant.

She was subjected to degrading behaviour, her underclothes were stripped off and she was lashed with a stick by the principal, Supt. Eamon Courtney said. She had to bite her lips to avoid screaming.

A ban-garda who examined her found welts, bruising and discoloration on her thighs and buttocks.

Ms. Jones alleged that this was the

third beating she had received and that in previous punishments she was hit on the top of the thighs with a cane. After being beaten she lay quivering on the bed, she told the court.

Supt. Courtney said that at St. Bride's School even minor breaches of the rules, such as spilling ink, resulted in birching. Ms. Jones had been at the school for over a year and while she knew there were certain rules, the chastisement was never spelt out to her, he said.

He added that the fees for the

school, as advertised in the English tabloids, were £95 per week and that eight to ten pupils attended it at a time.

Mr. Patrick Sweeney, the defendant's solicitor, said that within the community at St. Bride's, corporal punishment was used, and the defendant did not feel she was breaking any laws.

Justice McMenamin said he would deal with the case in the same way as he would deal with an incident of this type in an ordinary national school.

Dog racing crippled by 'shady image' bookies claim

By GERALDINE COLLINS

SHARP practice in the greyhound industry had given it a "shady" image and a total lack of credibility, the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Commercial State-sponsored bodies was told yesterday.

The Independent Betting Offices Association, who met with the committee, claimed that the punter was losing out in the battle between the bookmakers and the dog owners because there was now "no betting on Irish greyhound racing", and no incentive for spectators to attend the sport. They claimed that Bord na gCon were not managing the industry correctly.

And the Irish Greyhound and Breeders Federation has said that tax evasion is

costing the industry at least £1.5 million a year. The Federation wants owners of greyhound racing dogs to be separated from owners of coursing dogs and the Irish Coursing Club, with which all owners have to register at present, because of the increasing anti-coursing lobby.

However, Liam Cashman, president of the Independent Betting Offices Association told the TDs and senators that the problems could be solved and the industry made quite manageable "if the people in control got up off their backsides". There was a need for more control and more effective stewarding at tracks.

Mr. Cashman in his impassioned presentation said that the main source of income for Bord na gCon should be betting levies and they should not be "getting away" with making money from trials.

"They should be doing everything they can to ensure the public get a fair crack of the whip when they do come in. The public should be reasonably assured that they get a decent run for their money."

He said there was "oodles of money" to be made in the industry which was "perfectly self-financing if it is properly run". He added it was an excellent industry with endless potential, and "it would be disgraceful to let it slide any further."

The elimination of "sharp practice" was paramount to the interest of the betting public. "We have to get control at least on sharp practice". Bookmakers on the course will take on "those in the know" with reduced odds, said Mr. Cashman.

Brian O'Farrell, administrator of the Independent Betting Offices Association, said the betting public were being "squeezed between the bookmaker and those in the know".

The Irish Greyhound Owners and Breeders Federation members, led by president John McGrath, told the Oireachtas committee that there was a need to establish a new greyhound register independent of the Irish Coursing Club.

Poisons curb call as birds die

WILDLIFE experts have called for severe restrictions on the use of poisons on land following the death of two extremely rare birds of prey in counties Waterford and Longford.

The birds were part of a consignment of 19 Red Kites from Sweden which were released into the Scottish Northern Highlands as part of a programme to re-introduce the species into the region.

The Irish Wildlife Conservancy (IWC) says it is almost certain that the two rare birds of prey perished from eating poisoned baited carcasses.

'Mayhem' at Noelle's party

By NOEL SMITH

A CIRCUIT COURT Judge last night awarded a 26-year-old Kerry woman £500 damages with costs and expenses against a garda after hearing of "mayhem and bedlam" at a post-Christmas party in the holiday home of publisher Noelle Campbell-Sharp at Balinskellings, Co. Kerry.

Bernadette O'Sullivan, a native of Portmagee, Co. Kerry, and whose address was given as Old Belvedere Road, Drumcondra, Dublin, had sued Garda Dermot Clancy, stationed at Portmagee, for assault and battery on or about December 29, 1988.

She claimed that she suffered severe personal injuries, loss and damage after he allegedly violently pushed her against a wall. The defendant denied any violence against her.

At Tralee Circuit Court, Judge Kevin O'Higgins said she was reluctant to make a finding in favour of the plaintiff because he thought she was largely the author of her misfortune.

At one stage during the hearing, which began at 6 o'clock last night and finished at 9 p.m., the judge adjourned the case for five minutes to allow for an "outbreak of sanity" between the parties.

Girls' self-image lowest—survey

By FERGUS BLACK
Education Correspondent

TEENAGE girls display an "alarming" tendency to be unhappy about their image and weight to such an extent that it could be the breeding ground for more serious crises such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia, according to a new survey published yesterday.

The findings, said the authors, reinforced the stereotyped images with team games and aggressive-type activities more associated with boys while girls were more strongly associated with rhythmic-type activities. The report urges a

national policy relating to school sport to tackle the question of gender bias in the provision of time and facilities available for boys and girls.

In the first study of its kind, the Physical Education Association of Ireland carried out a national sample of 86 physical education teachers and more than 2,000 senior cycle second level pupils aged between 15 and 19 in 170

schools. The association's report *Girls and Boys Come Out To Play*, investigated the extent and effects of sex role stereotyping within physical education and sport in Irish second level schools.

Activities were, it found, sharply classified on the basis of gender. Males had more positive and involvement-orientated views of themselves than females and the teachers in the sample reinforced these perceptions. But the study also revealed that sporting role models as portrayed in the media added to the cycle of male

dominance in sport and physical activity.

"The findings in relation to body image and self image were striking", according to the study. "Girls displayed an alarming tendency to be unhappy about important aspects of their bodies. The fact that up to one-third were unhappy with their weight and shape is a strong reflection of modern media messages."

Half the girls said they were unhappy with their bodies compared to only one-fifth of boys.

£179,820 for widow



Theresa Kelly: award

Drunk driver court award

THE WIDOW and three children of a man who died following a traffic accident in 1989 are to be paid £179,820 under a settlement approved by the High Court in Dublin.

Theresa Kelly, of Millwood Villas, Raheny, Dublin, brought her action against Robert Boyle, of Carrickbrack Lawn, Sutton, Co. Dublin.

She claimed that on July 16, 1989, her husband Anthony (39) was crossing Annesley Bridge Road, Fairview, when Boyle's car knocked him down and killed him.

Approving the settlement, Mr. Justice Egan directed that £15,500 of the total be paid to a daughter, Christine (7), £11,000 go to another daughter, Claire (14), £9,500 go to a son, Robert (12), and the balance to the widow.

In Dublin District Court on February 1 Mr. Boyle (28), who had been sen-

tenced to prison, had his jail term replaced by a fine, as well as having a driving ban reduced.

Mr. Boyle, a trainee accountant, had received a three-month jail term and a 10-year driving ban when he admitted drunken driving, dangerous driving and failing to stay at the scene of an accident. Circuit Court Judge Sean Hanrahan ruled that the sentence was too severe. Instead he fined Boyle £200, reduced the driving ban from 10 to three years and set aside the prison sentence.

Following the decision, Mrs. Kelly collapsed in court and expressed her upset at the outcome.

The District Court had heard Mr. Kelly was killed as he crossed Annesley Road Bridge at 1 a.m. on his way to his parents' home. The impact broke Mr. Boyle's windscreen but he drove off and stopped in a side street.

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Det. Garda Denis Grehan told how he, Det. Gá. Martin Mooney and Det. Sgt. Oliver Hanley systematically searched housing estates to try and identify the relevant house from the photographs.

When the courier collected the prints for "Mr. Williams" they followed him to N.C. Rd. The officer became suspicious of a car,

Detectives track down camera sex criminal

By FRANK COURELL

A 59-YEAR-OLD man who admitted buggery with a nine-year-old boy while using a delayed action camera was sentenced to seven years penal servitude by Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday.

He was given two concurrent terms of seven years on charges of buggery and two concurrent two-year terms of imprisonment on charges of indecent assault.

The court was told how detectives from a Dublin station tracked down the defendant — a Dublin man in a painstaking investigation after he had handed in film for processing by a photo-kiosk.

Judge Gerard Buchanan highly commended Det.-Ins. Michael Guiney, and the other officers from Store St. in the case. He asked that the Garda Commissioner be informed of his words.

Describing the case as "absolutely appalling", Mr. Fergal Foley, B.L. prosecuting, said that the investigation was sparked off when film was being processed.

It had been handed in by a "Mr. Williams" to the photo kiosk in Talbot St. on October 30 and sent for processing to the Photo-King Laboratory where the contents were seen to contain photographs of acts of buggery, and other indecent sexual acts.

Detectives placed the Talbot St. kiosk under surveillance awaiting the return of "Mr. Williams."

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spoke to the driver and recognised him as the man in the photographs performing indecent acts.

Det. Gá. Grehan said that the car took off but after a short chase the man was taken into custody.

Later they found the camera with the automatic shuttering device and, aided by an address on an envelope, they were able to locate the victim.

Det. Gá. Grehan said the defendant gave detectives "cock and bull stories" and led them astray. He was most unco-operative at first but when confronted with the boy's name made a statement of admission.

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Decision on twins operation awaits tests results

IRISH surgeons will carry out the operation to separate the Siamese twins born this weekend, if the complex operation is possible, says a leading neo-natal specialist.

"We would not have had the technology to do this ten or 12 years ago but there is no reason now why Irish doctors would not be able to carry out any surgery that is necessary," he said.

The Siamese twin girls were born at 6.35 Friday evening. They are joined from the abdomen to the breast. It is believed they have separate hearts and respiratory systems, but they may share the one liver.

by Lorna Donlan

They were a "good size", according to the hospital.

The twins' mother, who is from Tallaght, Dublin, was said to be in good health in the Coombe hospital. Doctors will this weekend decide if surgery is possible to separate the children. The family have one other three year old child.

Hospital staff were still keeping the parents' identity secret last night. Even if doctors decide that it is possible to separate the twins, it could be months

before they undergo surgery. The birth of Siamese twins is very rare and doctors estimate that it only occurs in one out of 100,000 deliveries. The last time Siamese twins were born in this country was in December 1985. The twins, who were born to a Cavan woman, were separated at the chest. That operation took place in Crumlin's hospital in Dublin.

The babies born this weekend may also be moved to Crumlin during the next few days. Siamese twins are born as a result of an incomplete division of the

fertilised egg. Surgeons say that most of the successes with separating the twins comes months after the birth. After a great deal of complex planning.

The most important thing to establish is what organs are involved and what the chances of success are likely to be in any kind of operation," said the specialist. An operation like this is always a complex matter.

A spokesperson for the Coombe Hospital last night said that doctors are continuing to investigate the feasibility of an operation to separate the two girls.

Dublin backs church on NI schools

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by the Catholic bishops in the North and by the SDLP. Although the latter two have also based their arguments against the proposals on the fact that Religion and Irish are to be excluded from a new core curriculum, the fear of a Sinn Féin takeover of Catholic schools clearly looms large.

One Northern bishop, who asked not to be named, told the *Sunday Tribune* that there were, from the church's viewpoint, dangers in allowing such a small percentage of schools' parents to demand a referendum.

"The problem is that if you get 20% of the parents in a school who wish to change the nature of that school, they can call a vote of the parents attending the school and as we all know the record of parents voting is abysmal — maybe 10% would turn out. What could happen is that a school could easily cease to be Catholic. One of the concerns is that in certain areas of the North there would be a very highly organised 20%. I'm not going to publicly name Sinn Féin but that is a problem and a concern."

The SDLP have also raised the same fears with the British government. One senior party figure told the *Sunday Tribune*: "We told them we could name the schools in Belfast where they could be taken over by the Provos. This seemed to be news to Mawhinney but we pointed out how easy it would be for a determined group in Ballymurphy or Ardoyne to organise a vote to change the school. Once they gained control of a school they could name it the Bobby Sands Memorial or whatever and erect IRA murals in the assembly hall."

Children's Bill 'may hit fostering services'

SERVICES for fostering children may be an unforeseen casualty of the new Children's Bill, according to social workers working with foster children and their families.

"One of our fears is that whereas fostering was given first place, in front of other forms of care in the old bill, there is now a feeling that it has been pushed down in this bill," explained one Dublin social worker. Expressions of concern come at a time when there are more children in care and fewer families willing to foster them.

An additional problem is that a clause in the bill will allow for some children to be adopted without parental consent.

"The idea of adopting a child in cases where the parents have failed will have to be handled in a very sensitive way. It's different from fostering but it will not stop parents from thinking that fostering may be the first stage in them losing their child," said Loretta Lefroy of the Dr Barnardos adoption service.

It is this clause in the bill that has been examined by the Council of State and may be referred to the Supreme Court to see if it conflicts with parental rights as laid

by Lorna Donlan

down in the constitution. Another major area of concern is the lack of any real form of security for foster parents under the new terms.

"The old bill contained a messy interim clause which would have been very difficult to carry through in court, but at least it was there. Under the new bill, there seems to be less of a willingness to acknowledge that foster parents are the natural parents of the child they may need some security," according to a social worker.

These will be some of the main issues raised in the submissions on the bill by the Irish Association of Social Workers and the Fostering Resources Group of the Eastern Health Board. The health board places between 50 and 90 children in any one year and they have over 480 children in foster care. Latest figures from the Department of Health show that 1,824 children were in foster care on 1 November, 1987.

"We don't really know why there has been a drop in the number of parents available for fostering — it could be because of the

recession or because people seem to be opting for smaller families — but it does mean that an awful lot more children end up in residential homes when they would really benefit from being in a family situation," said Mary Myler of the Fostering Resource Group.

One of the myths about fostering is that families who foster a child want to adopt that child. The reality is quite the opposite, according to Mr. Lefroy of Barnardos. "People that are going into fostering do it because they like children and because they want to do something for them. They don't necessarily feel that in order to help the children they have to own them."

One woman who has been fostering children for the last five years and is currently waiting for a long-term foster child, "I had three children of my own, but there was a lot of publicity about children needing fostering at the time, and I felt that I could manage to help someone like that so easily."

She looked after her first foster child — a baby — for five days, and since then she has had children stay with her for up to three months.

SAS witnesses ask for security screens at Gibraltar inquest

by Ed Moloney

that happened the only account available to the inquest by those directly involved in the killings would be the SAS soldiers' written statements.

Belfast solicitor, Paddy McGrory, who is acting for the families of the IRA trio, accused the Foreign Office of "threatening" the Gibraltar coroner.

"As much as is revealed by the demeanour and manner in which people answer questions as by what is said by them," he said. "Putting the soldiers behind screens would ask for such a restriction at the start of the inquest, a spokesperson added."

In addition to the erection of screens the Ministry of Defence is likely to ask that the soldiers should not be named in court but instead, as is the case with military witnesses in controversial Northern Ireland trials, be referred to only as soldiers 'A', 'B' and so on. The preliminary hearing will be held in public, the coroner's office said.

The inquest has been postponed twice and should have started last week but in May the coroner said that an arts festival scheduled for the same date would cause security problems and he postponed it indefinitely.

At the time there was suspicion that the British government had had a hand in the decision when Mrs Thatcher's press secretary, Bernard Ingham, announced the postponement several hours before an official announcement from the coroner's office. At this time the coroner's staff were still denying reports that a postponement was being considered.

The preliminary hearing will also set a new date for the inquest which, according to legal sources, is likely to be in September or early October and may last between three and five weeks.

Stabbing charges

A LONGFORD man was charged last night in connection with the incident which led to the death of a 19-year-old local woman yesterday afternoon. The woman, Bernadette Mulligan, of 10 Anally Park, Longford, died in hospital from stab wounds in the neck she received in her home.

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• TEA FOR TWO! Miss Tyrrell being brought a nice cup of tea by her housekeeper, Miss Rainer

Champions of Victorian values condemn lack of grace

by HELEN LUCY BURKE

MS Tyrrell's bonnet was constructed on Miss Muffet lines. It shaded a fully made-up face furnished with round spectacles. Her plaited hair hung in bell ropes. Her cousin Miss Lucinda favoured black velvet and feathers for her headgear, and her hair which looked a wig was in fact ringlets.

She too sported a full mailligage. The glistening dark red lips, the huge hands in lace mittens, the formidable bulk, gave her the look of Mr Gladstone in drag. She refused to be photographed.

Both ladies — who live the Victorian life in Burtonport, Co Donegal — were encompassed in yards of synthetic material crinolines. They must make difficult bus passengers. Miss Rainer, a fresh faced woman in bushy housekeeper's black, was a crow compared to these two macaws. She used to do secretarial work before seeing the Victorian light.

All three were receiving guests and the press in an eighteenth century

farmhouse in Dublin 4. They were publicising a Victorian-costume weekend in Carriglas Manor, Longford, from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October. It costs something between £195-£300 (depending on where you are accommodated) for meals, lectures, outings, croquet and entertainment.

The Manor has a museum of Victorian dress, each little mound designed for tiny ladies of 4 ft 10 ins with 17 inch waists. The Donegal ladies, who are all English, bear the same relation to these as did the wolf in granny's clothes to Red Riding Hood.

One would run out of tape measure long before you got it around their waists. Miss Tyrrell spoke of her idyllic life in Burtonport without electricity: candles and oil lamps are used in their house. Her eyes flashed dangerously as she told me how modern life lacks grace

and dignity; femininity, that's what they stress, and self reliance. By that they mean reading to each other for entertainment and playing parlor games.

Miss Lucinda, exotic in a gigantic crinoline with panther-pieces, a shawl and large collar, admitted that Victorian skirts were a nuisance when the wind blew. In calm cold weather they created their own micro-climate about the "lower body". She was coy about undies, indicating the indelicate presence of man, but murmured something about pantielets in winter.

Forget Cranford. Forget *Gone With The Wind*. These big burly uncensored women live in an era they created themselves. Their strongest resemblance is to huge ruffled tea-cosies. No impression of femininity is created; anyone, up to and including Himmler, could lurk undetected in that type of costume.

Incidentally they are gamely impervious to cat-calls in the street.



• SWAMPED: Captain Brendan Cahill, with some of the job applications the company received.

5,000 seek Aer Lingus jobs

ABOUT 5,300 young people have applied for the trainee pilot jobs advertised by Aer Lingus last week. They face a long haul before they get their hands on one of the airline's Boeing jets.

To get one of the 30 coveted positions to be filled this year, a candidate must pass written aptitude tests, a preliminary interview, a final interview and a medical. Then he or she must take off to Florida for 12 months learning to fly propeller planes followed by a further five months,

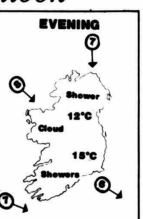
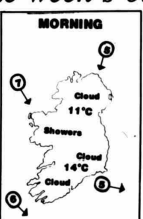
approximately, of on-the-job training with the airline. The chief pilot training officer, with Aer Lingus, Captain Brendan Cahill, says: "We are looking for the right type of chap who will be a caring professional pilot. He does not have to be academically brilliant but must have a sense of responsibility, the ability to work in a team and handle stress, and he must have leadership potential." The trainee pilots must also have normal vision and good health.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Plus the week's outlook

A DEPRESSION off the southwest coast is moving slowly eastwards. Showers, in the northwest from early morning, will become widespread during the day and affect all areas during the afternoon and evening. Some of these showers will be heavy. There will be some sunny periods also. It will be cool with strong northwesterly winds and afternoon temperatures of 14° to 18°C.

The showers will die out tonight, but it will remain cool with night-time temperatures of 8° to 11°C.

WEEK'S OUTLOOK It will be cool and breezy with fresh north to northwest winds and fairly widespread showers on Monday and Tuesday, and some bright,



dry periods. Showers will become well scattered around midweek with good dry periods and some sunshine in places.

It will be milder later in the week with west to southwest

winds becoming established but rain or drizzle on some days.

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MY LIFE



BY
JEFFREY
BERNARD

AN extremely alarming thing has befallen my tired old eyes. They have deteriorated so rapidly this year that I can no longer read anything but the largest of banner headlines. Last week an optician referred me to my consultant in the diabetic clinic that I attend and he in turn has made an appointment for me to see - if that is the word - an eye surgeon.

It has made life very difficult and I don't mind telling you that I am a little bit frightened. Apart from the lurking fear that things might not improve, I've found it to be incredibly inconvenient. I have been taking my mail, some of it private and confidential, into the pub to have a couple of mates read it out to me. I'll have no secrets soon. I cannot read a newspaper, look up a phone number, see TV clearly or read a menu in a restaurant. And talking of eating, I like my food to be in focus. My eyes are now like food processors. If I glance at a piece of lamb it becomes instant shepherd's pie. Just a steaming blur. And how can I pay bills if I can't see them? I suppose the gas and electricity are going to be cut off any day now.

Meanwhile, thanks to the Coach and Horses, I am having to put up with a lot of play-on-word jokes about the fact that I have been blind for years. And somebody said: "Well, at least you like music. You can stay in bed and listen to it." That is not my idea of fun. But the bonus this week is to do with music. For some time now I have nursed fantasies about going on Desert Island Discs and, lo and behold this week I received an invitation to do just that. It may be very childish of me but I feel enormously flattered. Faced with the reality of the programme it has already struck me as being very difficult. In picking just eight records, what on earth do you leave out? Eighty would be an easier choice.

What I have decided to do is not simply go for what I think is best but to pick eight records that remind me of places, events, and people that were important to me in the past. As for choosing a luxury, that is tricky, too. I think a hunting rifle to get food with, shoot Man Friday with when he turns up and begins to bore me and then to turn it on myself when I begin to get tired of my memories and run out of vodka and coconut juice. Please stay tuned.

Spanking schoolma'am gets back in full swing

EXCLUSIVE

By CLIVE HADFIELD

A WEIRD Victorian "schoolmistress" has set up a spanking centre near Cambridge University.

Self-styled "strict governess" Mary Scarlett was exposed last year by Sunday Mirror investigators who visited her bizarre school in Donegal, Ireland.

There they found women prepared to pay £50 a night to pretend to

Strict Miss Scarlett starts with slipper

be schoolgirls - and suffer corporal punishment.

Despite a pending court action for alleged assault, she is back in business, and has moved to England.

'Discipline'

Miss Scarlett, who dresses as a stern Victorian, has set up her "schoolroom" in a suburban semi, where she in-

vites men and women to be punished at £75 an hour.

She makes it clear what is on the curriculum:

"If you are not obedient during lessons, you will be disciplined."

"Discipline can be carried out with canes or

leather straps," she told our investigator.

Miss Scarlett claims to shun the modern world. But that doesn't stop her advertising in the soft-porn mag Forum.

Her ad said: "Schoolmistress takes selected pupils. Subjects: English, Mathematics. Conditions: Hard work, strict obedience, traditional discipline."

When an investigator phoned, Miss Scarlett told him: "There is no fantasy with our lessons - it is reality."

He booked a lesson for the next day. Miss Scar-

lett insisted he dressed smartly and said lessons involved arithmetic, English - and discipline.

When he arrived at her home in the suburb of Chesterton, Cambridge, Miss Scarlett sported a severe hairstyle and a full-length black dress.

She asked: "Are you used to discipline?"

When told 'no', she said: "That's all right. As you're nervous I think I'll start with a slipper, bending over the desk."

She said: "I don't do anything improper."

Miss Scarlett took him upstairs to show him her

"schoolroom". It was a small bedroom containing a school desk - complete with pencil and ruler - and chair.

As the investigator made an excuse and left, Miss Scarlett asked for a token fee of £20.

Yesterday, when the Sunday Mirror tried to confront her at her home, an elderly man said: "There's nobody here of that name."

On February 12 Miss Scarlett is due in court in Ireland, charged with causing actual bodily harm to former maid-servant Sophia Jones.



Severe - Mary Scarlett in her Victorian costume

Key backing for care campaign

PREMIER John Major's key woman minister has given a ringing endorsement to the Sunday Mirror's campaign for better after-school care.

Home Office Minister Mrs Rumbold says in a magazine circulated among MPs: "I have long been convinced that it is after-school care that is really required by the working woman."

She also says that after-

By FIONA MILLAR

school clubs in existing school premises - something the Sunday Mirror has been backing for a year - are crucial.

Mrs Rumbold's article came as the Sunday Mirror revealed John Major's plans to give more support to working mothers paying for child care.

'Houdini' flees again

A SLIPPERY prisoner was last night on the run for a second time. Moments after John McCarthy, 19, was remanded by magistrates at Slough, Berkshire, he locked his police guard in a cell, kicked down a door, scaled a ladder and fled. McCarthy, who faces car theft charges, escaped from the same court a year ago by leaping over the dock. Police said: "This lad is carving a reputation as Harry Houdini at our expense."

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TDs meet Iraqis

THE three TDs visiting Baghdad had a meeting yesterday with a top Iraqi official — and urged that the 250 Irish hostages be released.

David Andrews, Michael D. Higgins and Paul Bradford told the Speaker of the Iraqi Assembly that Irish people were very concerned about their relatives and friends being detained in Iraq and Kuwait.

The three Deputies provided the Iraqi authorities with lists of Irish citizens with a particular need to return home.

VICTORIAN CANERS MOVE OUT

A CONTROVERSIAL 'school for girls' in Co. Donegal has virtually closed.

The weird St. Bride's in the tiny fishing village of Burtonport hit the headlines a number of times this year, when it became known that pupils were caned.

Its tutors, all women dressed in Victorian costumes, and ran the school along strict guidelines.

Young women from Britain and Ireland went there to learn what it was like to live around the turn of the century.

By MICHAEL McNIFFE

The school, a large white house, could have been straight out of the Upstairs Downstairs TV series.

The occupants conducted life as if they were

caught in a time warp.

The tutors, who were all English, shunned modern electrical appliances, preferring instead out-dated implements.

Earlier this year St.

Bride's attracted notoriety when SUNDAY WORLD revealed how pupils were caned in the foreboding house.

St. Bride's was even listed in a book called the Sex Maniacs Diary.

However, the tutors denied anything kinky ever took place at the school and said pupils were never caned just for sexual kicks.

But this year the headmistress Manta de Colwyn

was charged with assaulting a young pupil from Bolton in England.

The case has come before the local district court on a number of occasions, but was repeatedly adjourned. It will be heard next month.

Gardaí told SUNDAY WORLD that the tutors have all left for England and that only a maid servant remains.

A spokesman added that they were expecting Ms. de Colwyn back for the court case.

An answering machine at St. Bride's informs callers that the tutors may be contacted in England and gives a number.

Although the women at St. Bride's wished to live along Victorian lines or that of the 1930s, their source of income was ultra-modern.

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SPANKING LADY LINKED TO NAZI AND KINKY SEX CONTACTS

By JIM
CAMPBELL

THE Englishwoman who ran the controversial caning school in Donegal, where young girls were disciplined by being beaten on the buttocks, has links with headline right-wingers in Britain.

As leader of the self-styled "romantics" cult, which developed around old-style Victorian dress and standards, Maria De Colwyn claims friendship with senior figures in the British National Party — a right-wing faction which has taken over from the National Front and is said by some to be Britain's biggest neo-fascist grouping.

Its leader is John Tyndall, who split from the National Front to set up his own British National Party which has links with other



rightist and neo-fascist movements across Europe.

'Servants'

As leader of the romantics caning cult, Miss De Colwyn set herself up as mistress of St. Bride's private school in Burtonport, Co. Donegal, and said it was to train girls to be "young ladies".

De Colwyn who habitually wore Victorian clothes, also took in girls to

be trained as "servants," and freely admitted she used old-fashioned discipline — caning them on the buttocks and thighs if they made mistakes.

Last February, she was fined £100 with a two month suspended sentence when a court in Glenties, Donegal, heard how she'd caned one girl's bottom so badly she left welts on it.

De Colwyn, who uses several aliases, including Mary Scarlett, Clair Trill and Priscilla Tyrrell, claimed afterwards the girl had agreed to be caned but denied she'd beaten her on the bare buttocks.

The girl fled St Brides and De Colwyn left Ireland — first for Cambridge and later moved to Oxford, where she operates currently from the so-called "Imperial Embassy", in 38 Florence Park Road, which she says is the world centre for her "romantics movement."

'Romantics'

She returned to Donegal over Christmas but when police went to interview her about the unpaid fine, she had returned to England.

But some people who answered adverts in Private Eye magazine to attend meetings of the "romantics", at her Oxford home have claimed they felt they were being sounded to see if they had right-wing views.

One Belfast student studying at Oxford said he got the impression that the "romantics" movement has a very right-wing political tone and claimed he was



• Miss Trill, one of the pseudonyms of Maria De Colwyn, the leader of the self-styled 'romantic' cult who now has links with headline right-wingers in Britain. Above left, the house at Burtonport which originally belonged to te Screemers.

shocked to hear what he considered to be racist and anti-semitic statements.

Another individual also said he heard De Colwyn refer to the BNP leader John Tyndall in an approving way, claiming him as a friend. He said he was surprised because he knew of Tyndall's notorious neo-Nazi past.

It is also claimed that copies of Tyndall's fascist magazine 'Spearhead' were available at the so-called "Imperial Embassy" in Oxford.

According to those who attended the romantics meeting, De Colwyn herself didn't do all the talking. Another leading "romantic" is described as Miss De Colwyn's cousin Lucinda Tyrrell. She was also in Burtonport and was con-

sidered by some locals there to be a man dressed in woman's clothing.

Some of those who attended the "romantics" claim that because the movement is centred on the days of the British Empire, the politics of that era provides an ideal opportunity for starting discussion on race issues, including Jews.

Views

Despite attempts by SUNDAY WORLD to obtain a comment from Miss De Colwyn on her views on John Tyndall and the BNP, she was not available at the "Imperial Embassy." Another lady at the Embassy who refused to give her name said she could not make any comment either.

TYNDALL'S BELIEFS

BRITISH Fascist leader John Tyndall who was jailed in 1962 and again in 66 for neo-Nazi para-military activity claims the holocaust in which millions of Jews perished was a myth.

Tyndall made no secret of his admiration for Hitler and dressed in an SS style Nazi uniform.

In the late seventies while a National Front leader, Tyndall forged links with Northern Ireland loyalists and staged anti-IRA rallies in London.

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Services advertised in sex magazines

APART from the 'Romantics', the women who are known around Burtonport as The Silver Sisters have had another sideline — kinky sex contacts in Britain's shadowy world of discipline, domination and sado-masochism for people who get sexual kicks out of being tied up and beaten.

Their Burtonport school under the name of "Whispering House," was advertised in "Skin Two" — a specialist magazine for people interested in the more bizarre sexual practices.

The advertisement said the house was run along strict disciplinary lines — in the context of this type of magazine this is taken a coded reference to caning and spanking.

The women also run a small publishing business under the name BM Perfect which uses a postal address in London.

They are also linked to the Wildlife Club which uses the same postal address to provide "bonded handmaidens" to women who will act as their mistresses. . . These girls don't get paid but agree to allow their mistresses to cane or spank them and generally dominate them.

One magazine from perfect Publications is 'Artemis' which caters for "lesbians and bisexual women, from the gently erotic to the more experimental sado masochistic and kink types."

Other groups including homosexuals and bondage enthusiasts also use the postal address.

New defenders of King Billy's cause

1690 and all that, the Orange march and the Battle of the Boyne. Joan McAlpine went to the Loyalist heartland in Glasgow to hear why Bridgeton is still banging the drum with passion

PETER DEVLIN

JUST another Saturday at Bridgeton Cross. The last before the Twelfth. The bands are thumping down the Shankill or whistling through villages in Down and Tyrone. But today there's nowhere quite as glorious as Bridgeton in the whole of the Union.

Several hundred people are crowded around the famous "Umbrella", a cast-iron Victorian fountain in the middle of the small circus. They await the "bonds" (pronounced as in Boyne) to march home from the big Orange Walk in town.

Smaller children in Rangers stripes carry tangerine balloons. Some sport *No Surrender* rosettes the size of displates. Three little ones balance on a window ledge waving toy flutes and a tablecloth Union flag.

The fiercely Protestant Billy boys gang made this little corner of Glasgow famous. The nearest thing in Scotland to a Loyalist Mecca. Sixty years and several alum clearance programmes later, the bands play on.

Flags still flutter from stone-cleaned tenements: King Billy on his white horse, the Red Hand of Ulster.

The Cross has a well-scrubbed, Trumpion feel. Pavements gleam with a jigsaw of those little pink bricks synonymous with area renewal everywhere.

Local folk are returning from Castlemilk and Easterhouse where they were sent in the Seventies. Back to an enclave which kept its true blue soul despite being half a mile from Celtic Park.

At the Dominion Bar in Dalmarock Road, Jeanie, 70, and her daughter Faye, 43, reminisce over gin and Irn Bru. "The atmosphere's definitely coming back down the Toll (cross) on the twelfth," says Faye.

"There's nothing like it. My grandmother used to live in Possilpark and she would say 'give me a house above the Toll in July and I'll be happy'. It's in your heart, you see. When those bonds come by the night I'll be greetin'."

Jeanie bends towards me. "Are you the same religion as the Loyalists?"

"I'm not religious."

"But you're a Protestant?" she persists.

"I am saved by the flute. The bonds have arrived."

Faye drags me by the elbow to the front of a happy, heaving crowd. Jovial polis stop them mobbing the returning heroes.

When I was little, I shrank from such people. Surely their intention was to pile me and all my relatives on a big fire and burn us, drowning our screams in frantic choruses of *The Wild Colonial Boy*.

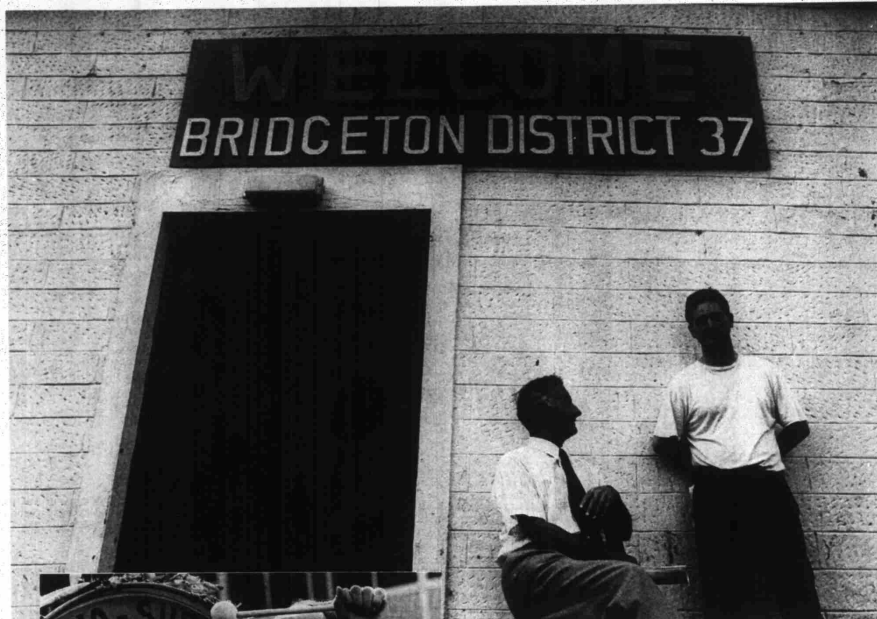
Now I am a fearless, fascinated observer at a scene which stands somewhere between carnival and a pop concert. Complete with communal singing and Mexican waves.

The giant boy with the big drum basks in the crowd's roar. If he bursts the skins they will throw money inside. He tries hard, face strained, knees bent, back, spine buckling with weight and effort.

But the procession must move on, snaking through the people like a long fluorescent ribbon.

"How do I feel when I pass through Bridgeton?" bursts in pride, says Alex, 29, who has been playing with the Bridgeton Loyalists since the age of two. His father and grandfather were in the band, as is his young son.

The Daughters of Joshua appear, decked in a tartan which looks like Royal Stewart, though is presumably something more Hanoverian in hue. The



Welcome to Bridgeton: Henry McWhinnie and Neil Baird, the Orange Lodge's district secretary, outside the Bridgeton Orange Hall. While (left) the Loyalist bass drummer beats time for one of the bands on a Glasgow march



Sons of Joshua (temperance) follow, banners blazing.

Later the bands will continue the entertainment in staunch pubs like The Mermaid. The Keystone, and The Umbrella.

This must be the last spontaneous outpouring of authentic street culture in Glasgow. Unchanged through generations. In any other circumstances it would probably qualify for a council arts grant.

Bridgeton is a small place, but it is home to three flute bands and three districts of the Orange Order containing more than 30 lodges.

The Rangers fanzine, *Follow*, is also produced locally in back bedrooms. Mark Dingwall, the 29-year-old editor, is from a new generation of young Loyalists who have moved into the

renovated flats and new maisonettes which now fill gap sites.

"Because of the renovation, there's been a drift of folk into Bridgeton. It's got the name, the mystique. I know quite a few guys who are in lodges, or flute bands or Apprentice Boys clubs. They come here for meetings and parades, maybe to meet females."

"You get the feeling that they are trying to create the Loyalist community spirit that they see in Northern Ireland."

Dingwall has an idealised vision of that spirit. He feels the image of the sectarian bigot is far removed from the Christian values of his own upbringing.

Raised in a church-going, though never Orange, family in Knightswood, he discovered Loyalism in secondary school through friends who took him to Northern Ireland.

"In Ulster, unless you go to a bad area in Belfast or Derry you don't know there's a war on," says Dingwall.

"People have the right values, kids are brought up to think the right thoughts. They don't have a drug problem. They seem to be living a life that disappeared on the mainland after the last war."

Well-read and articulate, he reminds me of young Scots-Irish Republicans. People whose families migrated four generations ago but who get a frisson of excitement from unremarkable words like Falls Road or Quiet Man or pint of porter.

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The long and short of a tall storyteller

Fred Urquhart, one of Scotland's most distinguished writers, is 80 tomorrow. He talked about his career with Isobel Murray

Meantime he wrote a story, "Robert/Hilda", included in Carl MacDugall's anthology *The Devil and The Girl* about an ordinary man who begins to wear his dead wife's clothes. Recently he has

been a somewhat threatening final demand.

The story is highly entertaining. One reason he is looking forward to his 80th birthday tomorrow is that he will be entitled to a rebate when he is 80 and living alone: he gleefully anticipates more rude letters when he applies for that.

Fred Urquhart has always been an individualist, quietly but firmly, often at odds with authority or established opinion. He fell out with Aneurin Bevan in 1946, over a refusal to stamp his card when he filled in for someone on maternity leave; the resulting complications continue to affect his pension, although he received a small Civil List pension 10 years ago (from Margaret Thatcher). He voted SNP in April.

He is more willing than he used to be to talk about two other instances of his individualism, both very important in their effects on his writing. The first two novels he wrote, which were never published, were homosexual in theme. Certainly, he was a very young and inexperienced writer, but it is possible that they were rejected purely on grounds of quality. And he was left with a feeling that this subject matter was not wanted, and it was a long time before the mature writer returned to it.

Palace of Green Days (1979) was worth waiting for. It reflects Urquhart's own childhood's confusion in fictional form, with a young family growing up, as his did, near the gentry, for whom their father was coachman or chauffeur.

country that importantly needed opposing also.

He spent the year in agricultural work, and this had an enormous impact on his short stories. The time he spent working in the Mearns, as a farm secretary in Laurencekirk, inspired some of his best, most moving, and funniest stories, which have stimulated admiring critics to comparisons with Lewis Grassie Gibbon and Jessie Kesson.

It was an achievement for an income from Edinburgh!

Apart from those years, he has made his life round books, writing them, of course, and selling them — he started his first job at 15, working in a bookshop in Edinburgh's Bristo Place, books and customers together constituting his university. In addition, he has at various times been literary agent, publisher's reader, reader for MCM, reviewer, anthologist, and editor. Fred's writing career includes four published novels, but he has concentrated on the short story, achieving an extraordinary range of effects in different lengths, in at least ten collections, including rich veins of history and ghost stories. He has always been a favourite with discerning critics: Stevie Smith early commented that he does young women very well, and this is entirely true. But he also does children well, and old people, and the desperate and the lonely. His quintessential gift here is the offering of momentary, often poignant insights into other lives in the army and another in those 47 years in England, there is an important sense in which he never left Scotland. He points out that he has written very few stories with an English background, and that he has always thought in Scots and written as it were in a Scots accent. His recent stories are less demanding of the non-natives: he has watered down his dialogue for an international audience: "I want to be widely read if possible!"

From the outside the leaflets seem like innocuous little titles which hark back to the homespun Victorian ideals of romance and virtue. But Ruth Wishart uncovers a more sinister message

Lifting the lid on reaction

THEY style themselves Perfect Publications, a series of small booklets allegedly devoted to celebrating romanticism, restoring traditionalism, and saving the world from the ravages of modernism and new morality.

The all-purpose subscription form purports to give you a potted introduction to the editorial delights which await if you send a cheque marked up in the prescribed manner and dispatched to their private London box number. Or, as their own irretrievably two language has it "now just to make, as the Bard so aptly expressed it, assurance doubly sure, let us proceed to some of these beastly little ticking boxes."

The beastly boxes allow you to send £17 for a subscription to *The Romantic, New Century, The English Magazine and the Imperial Home Service*. You are also invited to send a £25 "supporting" subscription. Should your appetite require further whetting the form assures you that Hubert Greg thinks *The Romantic* "the most charming publication I ever remember seeing" while they claim Auberon Waugh suggests it is "splendidly dotted with good sense and entertainment."

Mr Waugh is also quoted as being enthusiastic about *New Century* which "aims to reflect the full range of contemporary traditionalism." Said Mr Waugh (they allege): "It seems exactly and precisely to fill the need I have always felt." While Peregrine Worsthorne apparently claims *The English Magazine* is "a general interest magazine for people who dislike the modern world... superbly produced."

That particular list of groupies might just alert you to the notion that Perfect Publications is not produced with your average pinkie in mind. *Imperial Angle*, for instance, is "a magazine for those who dare to make their lives outside Babylon. Its adherents live in 'Romantia', a sovereign nation outside the late 20th century... a bright world filled with the fresh air of sanity and charm beyond the dank and foetid confines of the late 20th century."

So far, so merely ridiculous. And the essentially loopy tone is continued in *The Romantic* which offers guides to the Victorian dress, pre-decimal coinage, and the proper uses of words like "telle" (the telephone) and phrases like "making Love" (it might include giving flowers or pressing a tiny hand).

Meanwhile, the *Imperial Home Service*, dispatched on cassette, offers a bizarre mix of



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scratchy recordings from the Twenties and Thirties allied to a children's programme which largely consists of excerpts from J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. The voiceover is straight from the House of Windsor, and is launched by Beethoven's Fifth.

But by the time you sample the editorial delights of *New Century*, *The Reactionary Review*, the tone of the language are discernibly difficult. It mourns the stalling of the voice belonging to "the inequalitarian authoritarian Right which has not been heard in Britain for centuries... surely no current thought or sensibility has been so utterly obscured and occluded, so systematically smothered and misrepresented."

Many of this magazine's contributors will be protected by *noms de guerre*, it suggests, and when you read on it's not difficult to discern why they might feel nervous.

Among the modern practices against which it rails are the use of Nazi and fascist as "vulgar and inaccurate swearwords." It mourns too the suppression of opinion "such as that entailed by the Race Relations Act."

Yet "on the other hand many of us would not accept that massive international industries, such as the pop industry, should have unlimited freedom to spread corruption to the ignorant and glib, nor that quasi-monopolistic broadcasting services should be free to pump

never an Orangeman. "He had a Roman Catholic wife." Indeed, two members of the gang were Catholics: McGroarty and Timmeny.

"I still remember the tolerance shown to a member of the other side who was able to pass Fairbairn Street with his Hibernian sash on St Patrick's Day. He could walk unmolested among all those Billy Boys. They respected each other's viewpoint."

McWhinnie returns to Bridgeton every month: "I come back on the 12th to see the Bridgeton ones coming home. It's a reunion. You see the ones you run about with when you had no shoes on. This is the Orange bond that runs through us all."

Militant Protestantism has shaped Scotland's culture. But in the past 20 years we have ignored it in the hope that it would go away. Hence our picture of such people and what motivates them is one-dimensional.

An archivist at the People's Palace museum expressed delight when I offered to send him any interviews carried out for this piece which would contribute to an oral history. Few historians had wanted to take themselves with Orangism in the past. We know much more about Catholic Gorbals just across the Clyde than Bridgeton.

BACK in the Dominion, it's white gloves off time for leading local Orangeman Danny Houston as he slips a quick pint after the march.

Middle-aged, with fading red hair and a slightly startled look, he is angry at what he claims is a deliberate campaign to ignore and misunderstand his people.

"Where else would you see such a display of colour and spectacle and tradition and discipline? They were lining the streets three feet deep for that walk."

"We had our children's gala at Kelvingrove Park and you know I sold 8,000 sticks of King Billy rock. Don't tell me that we are a tiny number."

Houston mixes talk of freedom of speech with conspiracy theory. He says the original words of "The Sash" are about brotherhood and have been parodied on the broad terraces.

"If they came from anybody else they would be called folk songs. Our traditions are described as sectarian."

Yet Rangers should never sign local Catholics because "in the West of Scotland, Catholicism is synonymous with Irish Republicanism."

He tells me Brigton Loyalists vote Labour and have Catholic councillors. Then he asks why so many people in the housing offices have Irish names and "How come Glasgow District Council has never had a Protestant Lord Provost?"

I confess to being unaware of the religion of lord provosts and did not think Glaswegians were much bothered. Does the Protestant majority he refers to view itself as such? Society is secular. The Battle of the Boyne was long ago and far away.

But Houston is persistent: "Look at all the publicity those Scottish United or United we were got we could have filled George Square three times over."

I walk across the jigsaw puzzle paving stones back to my car and hope he is wrong. Secretly, I am biased next to a pub called The Scotsman.

Despite the flags, I had never seen such fervour at a Scottish United or United rally. I was sure it was a political rally. I walk across the jigsaw puzzle paving stones back to my car and hope he is wrong. Secretly, I am biased next to a pub called The Scotsman.

Then the thought comes, reassuringly, as I drive past the Umbrella: "There's nowhere quite like Bridgeton today in the whole of the Union." Except maybe Broadhead, Cowdenbeath, Airdrie, Larkhall...

violeness into every home in the land." And so, hysterically, on.

It is not an easy matter locating these self-styled romantic publishers. The Yorkshire printers who produced *The Romantic* disclaim any current knowledge of the group. But the to look for the Imperial Home Service, whose listed address is St Bride's, Burtonport, County Donegal. That is a location which last year featured in some of the group's literature.

Based *Sunday World*, St Bride's, it appears, was a Victorian-style school where the staff dressed in costume from that age and trained servant girls by means of old-fashioned discipline.

Which is what first landed its headmistress in court for allegedly assaulting one of the girls by caning her with a birch. She was fined a hundred Irish pounds. That court appearance was under the name of Maria de Colwyn, but her string of aliases appear to include Mary Scarlett, Clair Truill, and Miss Tyrone. She ran the school from a house in Oxford styled The Imperial Embassy, but her lifestyle appears similar.

An advert in the sex magazine *Forum* listing the Oxford number is headed "Genuine School Mistresses". And the text continues: "gives lessons in English and Mathematics. Conditions: Strict obedience, Traditional Discipline."

But it also seems that De Colwyn/Truill claims friendships with senior members of the British National Party whose leader, John Tyndall, spent time in the 1970s in the Dublin jail for his part in the IRA. His party actively spreads racist literature in Scotland.

THAT Miss De Colwyn, who ran St Brides, and Miss Truill, who seems the prime mover in Perfect Publications, are one and the same person is in little doubt. A hand written letter to one potential subscriber in Scotland from Perfect Publications is signed L. Truill (M). Meanwhile an ecstatic letter to the editor in *The Romantic* would seem to tell you that I wept salt tears half way through my first copy? It is coyly signed — I — and would appear to be the editor writing to herself.

Somewhere you suspect that Miss Truill's Victorian values might leave the Baroness Thatcher profoundly unamused.

SCREAMERS WANT TO GIVE SPANKING MISTRESS BOOT!

• Maria de Colwyn, found guilty of assaulting a girl. Below: The house in Burtonport at the centre of the controversy.



From JIM CAMPBELL in Donegal

MARIA DE Colwyn, ex-spanking mistress of the self-styled St. Bride's School for young ladies, could face an attempt to evict her from a large three-storey house in Burtonport, Co. Donegal.

For members of the *Atlantic Community*—nicknamed the *Screamers*—are involved in a dispute with the posh school marm over the ownership of the house.

The *Screamers* were formerly based in the house but moved to South America some years ago. Now they want to return to the house which has been occupied by Ms De Colwyn who claims she bought it nine years ago.

returned from Columbia to reclaim the house.

When she returned recently she confronted De Colwyn at a large house she rents in a fashionable part of Oxford—the self-styled Imperial Embassy.

Ten days ago when representatives of the *Screamers* agreed there was a dispute over the house—"they say

it's theirs, we maintain we own it"—but refused to discuss any of the details until she seeks legal advice.

But she stated she would return to live in it although she didn't know when. "We will certainly be back in Donegal again. I've no idea when that will be. But we certainly look upon St. Bride's as our home," she said.

Re-opening

She said she had considered re-opening St. Bride's as a school for young ladies again but hadn't made up her mind yet.

Currently De Colwyn uses the name Miss C. Tyrrell and lives in a large house at 38 Florence Park Road in Oxford which she calls Imperial Embassy, because it's a centre for people belonging to the "romantic movement" which dismisses modern technology such as television and fashions such as jeans and mini-skirts.

"We have supporters in Britain and Ireland as well as abroad and they use us as their embassy," she said.



• Becky James.

went to the house in Burtonport to examine its condition the house-keeper left there by De Colwyn to look after the property called the police and had them removed claiming they no longer owned the premises.

Contacted by SUNDAY WORLD, Maria De Colwyn

TOP INSURANCE FIRM CALLS IN GARDAI

A LEADING insurance company has called in the gardai after finding that bogus agents are selling car insurance in its name.

The matter was mentioned at Edenderry District Court on Tuesday when a young County Kildare man appeared for displaying a false insurance disc on his vehicle as well as driving without insurance.

The young man told the Judge that he purchased the insurance from a man for £500. He was of the opinion that the insurance was genuine.

An official from Prudential Insurance, Nigel

Dawkins told the Judge that his company were aware that false disc and insurance certificates were being sold in its name.

He said they had some across 24 such incidents in recent months.

Yesterday a spokesman for Prudential told SUNDAY WORLD: "this has been going on for years but it's only since this year that they used our name. We have contacted the Fraud Squad and there's not much more we can do really."

The case at Edenderry was adjourned by Judge Peter Connellan until further evidence might be available.

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Guilty

She pleaded guilty to assaulting the girl and was fined £100 with a two month suspended prison sentence.

But she denied she had caned the girl who complained to police on her bare buttocks. "She kept her panties on during the caning," De Colwyn told SUNDAY WORLD at the time.

Now Becky James, daughter of *Screamers* founder Jenny James, has

**Saturday
sideline**
by ALAN KING

Soft sell in a wicker basket

"Are you going to be in your office on Monday?" asked the caller. Wary of the possibility of burglars casing my home, and unhappy at letting anyone know my movements in advance, I asked the female voice at the other end of the line the reason for the inquiry.

"We have a surprise for you," she said teasingly. I stupidly asked what kind of a surprise and got the predictable retort that if she told me it would not be a surprise, would it?

So I had to spend the weekend wondering just what was coming my way.

Now there are some surprises you might welcome and others which — in front of a room full of cynical journalists — are not so acceptable.

Kissograms and the like are definitely out if one has to retain any semblance of dignity. I once had to receive an office full of scantily-clad, balloon-carrying demonstrators and found it extremely hard to concentrate on their protest.

So having warned the Post's security staff to be on the look-out for nasty gimmicks, I awaited my surprise.

True to my anonymous caller's promise, it arrived — in a wicker basket. "Pigeons," suggested one colleague. "A cat," offered another. "A device," added a third, moving behind a large cabinet.

It turned out to be a food hamper of the distinctly top-drawer variety. Quails' eggs, caviar, artichoke hearts and gentlemen's relish, along with a large wholemeal loaf, a plate and a knife.

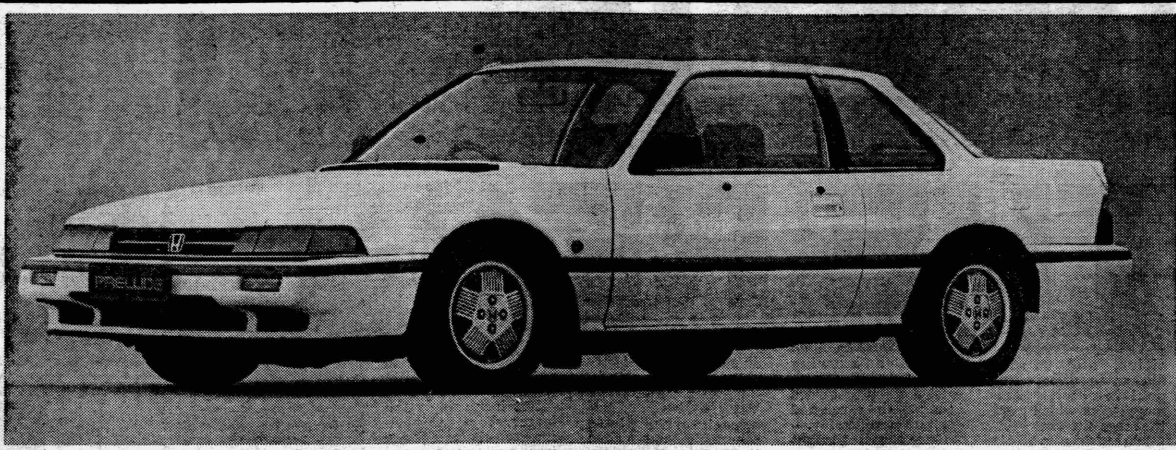
We are not used to such rich fare in our household, although my son offered the observation that caviar should be black and not pink, having once nibbled half a biscuitful before spitting it out.

Overall the bread went down best, along with the spread (not butter, not margarine) which was the final item in the hamper and the reason for such largesse.

Someone wanted to bribe me into mentioning the name of their product in my Sideline column.

As if I can be influenced in such a way by a few tasty morsels. All I will say is that I've eaten most of the evidence... and it was a Delight!

SATURDAY LEISURE PAGE



Power boost for flagship model

HONDA have moved up to two-litre power to keep their flagship Prelude model competitive

The latest Prelude boasts a light-weight two-litre four-cylinder 16-valve engine to keep pace with rivals from Toyota, Nissan and others in this select sector of sporting coupes.

The 16-valve twin-cam engine is a masterpiece of design as you would expect from Honda, smoothly producing 158 bhp and turning in a top speed of over 120 mph without hesitation.

It is a quiet and free-revving unit with programmed electronic fuel injection and ignition, coupled to a superb five-speed manual gearbox, shuffling off 0-60 in a casual eight seconds.

Gear ratios are well chosen, giving 85 mph in third, and overall economy is good with around 28 mpg in town



and an average of 32 mpg overall from the 13-gallon tank.

Exterior styling has been refined to enhance the low wide stance of the two-door bodysheet with colour-keyed bumpers, and there are distinctive new alloy sports wheels.

The underpinnings are equally re-

fined, with a double-wishbone front suspension and single-wishbone-and-strut set-up at the rear.

Anti-roll bars are fitted front and rear, and you have powered rack steering and powered disc brakes all round, ventilated up front.

Anti-lock braking is standard equipment, which may be this year's star feature but which generally costs you extra.

The package gives confident handling to match its athletic performance, and offers a settled ride except on rougher surfaces, when it can feel fidgety.

The two-litre Prelude is a two-plus-two with a conventional dashboard layout. Features include tinted glass, powered sunroof, electric aerial, four-way stereo cassette, adjustable steering wheel and height-adjustable lumbar control on the driver's seat.

There are also other touches like a full-arc rear wiper, front washers which are synchronised to the sweep of the wipers, plus interior filler flap and boot releases.

But while the menu is generous and extensive, you will find central locking and powered mirrors on the options list, which is rather surprising for a car retailing at £11,495.

Computer Chat Extra by John Walker

Title and rating: The Secret of St. Bride's***
Type: Graphic adventure
Computer: 48K Spectrum
Format and price: Tape, £6.95

Publisher: Audiogenic
Author: Priscilla Langridge
Brief: Schoolgirl stuff

ST. BRIDE'S is much older in real life than this conventional adventure, done with The Quill and Illustrators.

It's an Irish holiday centre where grown women go and pretend to be schoolgirls in an

old-fashioned boarding school — don't ask me why.

Real-life role-playing must sap their fantasies, judging by this adventure written by a "pupil." The player takes the role of new girl Tixie Trinian (now there's an original name) who explores the school and finds herself transported into the past. A Commodore 64 version should escape at any moment.

CLASSICS by Don Hatwell

NORTH of the border music-making is in a balmy and expert state, to judge from three new recordings.

One is a three-disc box containing seven symphonies by the entrancing Boccherini, still underestimated despite Leppard's superb advocacy of the six Opus 12 (1771) works as long as 14 years ago.

The new set includes two of those (one of them the supercharged From The House Of The Devil) and five later pieces.

Every one strikes to the heart with crisp rhythms and engaging or affecting tunes, and all are realised with stylish, lilting and committed playing from Cantilena, the small band drawn from the Scottish National Orchestra, under Adrian Shepherd (Chandos DBRD 3005).

A wind ensemble from the same orchestra play Mozart's 11th and 12th serenades, masterpieces both, often coupled on record but never in my experience better.

They are conducted by young Paavo Jarvi: note the name (Chandos ABRD 1140).

TOP OF THE CHARTS

BOOKS

HARDBACK

NON-FICTION

1 Gentle Giants — Penny Brohn (Century, £8.95).

2 The Concorde Story — Oriobar (Hamlyn, £7.95).

3 The Windhorse — Brook (Cape, £9.95).

4 The Living Isles — Crawford (BBC, £14.95).

5 Dancing In The Light — MacLaine (Bantam, £10.95).

FICTION

1 The Complete Yes Minister — Lynn (BBC, £10.95).

2 The Mammoth Hunters — Auel (Hodder, £10.95).

3 A Maggot — Fowles (Cape, £9.95).

4 Texas — Michener (Secker, £10.95).

5 Hawkmoor — Ackroyd (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95).

PAPERBACK

NON-FICTION

1 E for Additives — Hansen (Thorsons, £2.95).

2 Splitting Image — Fluck & Law (Faber, £3.95).

3 Floyd On Fish — Floyd (BBC, £3.95).

4 Simply Divine — Eley & Blue (BBC, £1.95).

5 The Shirley Goode Kitchen — Goode (BBC, £1.95).

PAPERBACK FICTION

1 Foreign Affair — Lurie (Abacus, £3.50).

2 The Colour Purple — Walker (Women's Press, £3.95).

3 Hotel du Lac —

Brookner (Triad Granada, £1.95).

4 God Knows — Heller (Corgi, £3.95).

5 Tiger — St Aubain de Terain (Penguin, £3.95).

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TV

1 EastEnders (Tues)

2 EastEnders (Thurs)

3 Coronation Street (Mon)

4 Coronation Street (Wed)

5 All In Good Faith (Tues)

6 Emmerdale Farm (Tues)

7 Duty Free

8 Emmerdale Farm (Thurs)

9 Never The Twain Budge

FILMS

1 Back To The Future

2 Catholic Boys

3 Defence Of The Realm

4 Letter To Brezhnev

5 Plenty

6 Prizzi's Honor

7 Rocky IV

VIDEO

1 Rambo: First Blood II

2 Chestbusters

3 Gremlins

4 Beverly Hills Cop

5 Never Ending Story

6 The Terminator

7 Wizards Of The Lost Kingdom

8 Into The Night

9 Water

10 Rocky III

GARDENER'S DIARY John Abrams

February 15: It is not yet time to plant potatoes but you should make a start in sorting out your varieties and setting them up for sprouting.

This operation is certainly worthwhile. It brings the crop forward quite a bit, and that's what we want with our new potatoes.

Set them up in a tray or box and make sure that as many eyes as possible are pointing upwards. Put them in a light place which is not too warm but it definitely must be frost-free.

If kept in light, they should have sturdy shoots, well developed,

ready to jump to it as soon as they are planted. Growth and emergence is usually quite rapid.

Well-worked fertile soil is best for potatoes, but they do not object to freshly dug soil. This is fortunate as it enables us to use the site now occupied by the winter greens when they are finished.

It is doubtful whether it is worth growing maincrop varieties. Your space can usually be better used. But a

few earlies, and even second earlies are worthwhile if you have the room.

Most people have their favourite varieties but here are a few new suggestions.

Manna has been around a while now, but is good and early with a dwarf haulm. One I like better is Dunluxe, which bulks early with plenty of good tubers.

One I have not yet tried but will this

season is Marfona. This is an early potato which is claimed to be a good cropper of good quality tubers of uniform size.

Marfona bulks early, is resistant to both drought and disease and is particularly suitable for early "bakers".

The use of these heavy-cropping second earlies is suggested as they can be lifted in early autumn before the peak feeding period of slugs and wireworms.

Two others are Romano, a red-skinned oval potato, and Croft, which is yellow fleshed. They are good for boiling or chips.

Victorian England in Donegal? Come with us on . . .

A journey back in time. . .



A forbidding welcome from Sophia the 'bonded servant'

DOWN AT the harbour life goes on as normal. The fishermen wrestle with their nets after the morning's catch. The supermarket's solitary customer is buying cigarettes.

This is Burtonport, West Donegal, three hours drive from Belfast. There's a vicious October wind blowing. The year is 1989.

A pale figure answers the door of the two storey house at the edge of the village. A quiet modulated English voice requests one to go to the front door.

One is eventually shown to the sitting room whilst the mistress is informed. One has met Sophia, the "bonded servant".

Clipped English accents

To step into St Bride's of Burtonport is to leave life as we know it behind. The inhabitants call it "a magical world out of time".

The furniture is Victorian, the curtains lace and velvet. There are oil lamps, candles, embroidered pictures, a wireless and clock from another era. Blobs of wax have spilt onto the heavy table cloth.

On a side table is an old-fashioned bowl of hazelnuts. In the bookcase, ancient hard-back copies of *Ivanhoe* and *Pilgrims Progress*. The

THE wild beauty of Donegal has attracted many eccentrics over the years.

But few are as different as the group of English women who

are locked in history, living out their lives as Victorian ladies.

Lena Ferguson
visited them in their home.

coal fire casts a yellow glow round the darkened room.

To a child of this century, the scene is BBC2 on a Sunday evening in winter, and the latest serialisation of a Dickens' novel.

With a sudden swishing sound, Miss Traill enters, laced hand outstretched. She is sensibly dressed for the time of year in a full-length checked gown. Underneath is a lace collar, fastened with a brooch.

Her friend, Miss Langridge, sports a black crinoline and bonnet which she wears indoors. She is of large build, the hoop under the dress making her five feet wide at her broadest girth.

Neither lady co-operates fully with the demands of 20th century journalism.

Miss Traill politely declines to disclose her first name. "People use it too freely then don't they," she says. (One recalls their letter requesting us to come "dressed accordingly").

Miss Langridge confides that hers is Priscilla, but prefers it not to be used. Their clipped English accents make Princess Di sound as though she comes from Albert Square.

The ladies have lived in Burtonport for the past five years. They live mostly in Queen Victoria's time but with touches of other eras.

Miss Traill explains: "I was interested in moving away from the modern world and I thought Ireland was a suitable place.

"I bought this house which is about 100 years old. Before that I liked things from the 20s and 30s but the whole atmosphere of the house was Victorian and that took over."

The last people to live in the two-storey house were the Screemers — a group of people who exercised their vocal chords as a means of therapy and believed in giving vent to their every emotion.

Philosophy

They sold out and went to Paraguay. The neighbours in Burtonport must have hoped they would be replaced by more conventional souls.

When the Victorians moved in, the hallway was adorned with astrological symbols. The decor was "appalling," they said.

The philosophy that guides the present inhabitants is disgust with the modern world.

"The Second World War was the end of civilisation," declares Miss Langridge, whose black-gloved hand beats the air with the intensity of her feelings.

"There was an absolute collapse of culture in the second half of this century. Look at modern design. There is no style. Everything is done for flashiness and speed.

Relaxation

"It's not that we object to technology but everything must be as clownish and vulgar as possible to prove that it is new.

"There have been technical improvements, but they aren't done for cultural or aesthetic reasons. Nothing is done that relates to the mind, or spirit or the intellect."

Relaxation in St Bride's includes reading aloud and listening to music on the gramophone. Miss Langridge admits to liking some modern music but pop, she says, is "poison condensed into sound".

The women are members of the Romantic movement, started in Oxford in the 1970s. They say their families are not concerned about their unusual lifestyle as they are "quite old-fashioned" themselves.

Sophia (the ladies pronounce it "So-fire") is 23. She was an art student when she wrote to them saying she didn't feel part of the modern world. They are now training her as a bonded servant.

Modulated

That means she gets board and lodging and "some pocket money". Her uniform is a plain black dress and white apron, her hair is scraped back in a bun.

She has a vacant but happy expression behind her thick lensed round glasses. She seems content in her work, silently pouring tea into china cups delicate as egg-shell. She and her "mistress" exchange affectionate glances.

Initially when asked Sophia can't remember her age. In the same modulated tones as her "mistress" she says: "Oh. I was just thinking about that last night. I am 23. Yes, two nativities."

On the fact that she doesn't get



Miss Traill pictured outside the Victorian mansion with Arrabella, her 1948 Austin



Miss Traill (seated) is served afternoon tea by Sophia, watched by the masked Miss Langridge

paid Miss Traill says: "It doesn't bear any relationship to the modern system."

Miss Langridge likes to keep track of the history of the 20th century. But they don't read newspapers or watch television. She believes everything was "frozen over" in the 70s but things are becoming more interesting now.

She pours scorn on Mrs Thatcher's so-called Victorian values but is pleased at the "death of socialism".

Nostalgia

When the Ladies go shopping in Burtonport, they have to convert the prices from their own currency of pounds, shillings and pence. "Modern money is like a surgical graft that has never taken," says Miss Langridge.

For the ladies, business is nostalgia too. They design dresses in Victorian style for today's market. A fitted, silk wedding dress sells for £1,000.

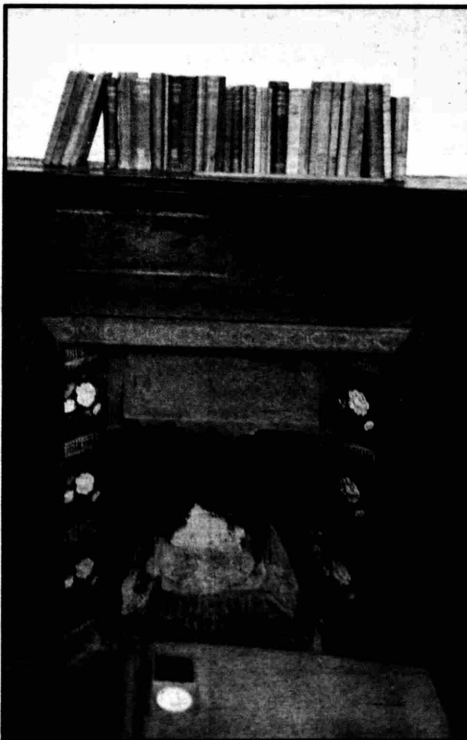
They use electricity "for business purposes only" so the industrial sewing machine is covered over.

Miss Langridge doesn't want her photograph taken.

It seems appropriate that she covers her face with the theatrical mask and talks about "adopting different personalities".

An afternoon in this unreal world induced the same feelings as too long spent on a dress rehearsal for the school play.

One was so longing to get home, put one's feet up, put the kettle on, and settle down to the evening's episode of Neighbours.



Mistress of the manor

ABOVE: Miss Traill, pictured in her Austin, refused to give her christian name because 'people use it too freely'

LEFT: Ancient hard-backed copies of classic novels add to the Victorian feel

Pictures: FRED HOARE

KINKY? NOT US SAYS THE CANING GUESTHOUSE LADY

• Miss Claire Tyrrell outside her Victorian-style guesthouse - wrongly listed in a sex diary



By JIM CAMPBELL

GUESTS and staff in Ireland's most unusual guesthouse might wear strange clothes but it's not kinky, its owner claimed yesterday after it was listed as 'erotic' in the 1990 Sex Maniacs Diary.

"We're all very straight-laced here" said Miss Tyrrell, self-styled Mistress of St. Bride's School in the quiet Co. Donegal fishing village of Burtonport.

"She said she was more amused than outraged" at her guesthouse being listed among "The World's Most Erotic Hotels" in the so-called Sex Maniacs Diary. "It's either a bad mistake or some sort of practical joke," said Miss Tyrrell who lived in London until she moved to Donegal several years ago to live the life of a Victorian lady.

Originally used by the controversial Screeners Club when it was known as Atlantis House, Miss Tyrrell renamed it St. Bride's School for Young Girls and

specialised in holidays where women longing to escape the pressures of modern life could relax on their special school-girl holidays.

They wore Victorian schoolgirl uniforms and had boarding school-style discipline.

Holiday

But nothing untoward happened and it certainly wasn't the place for the sort of holiday or weekend break this sex maniacs diary suggests," Miss Tyrrell said.

She and her staff wear Victorian clothes but the school-girl holidays have

stopped, although some special guests, mostly from England, are still made welcome.

They're usually people like ourselves who like to live in the Victorian era although some of them prefer to wear Twenties-style clothes - but we're all very straight-laced.

St. Bride's featured in several TV programmes and newspaper articles and Miss Tyrrell says somebody must have got the wrong ideas because guests and staff both wear old-fashioned clothes.

Caning

She says that possibly what put people on the wrong track about her Burtonport establishment was the fact she insisted on strict discipline - even caning.

"I still have a cane which is used when someone does something we consider wrong," she said but insisted it was only used when the person receiving the cane agreed and only through her petticoat.

"We believe very much in the Big House values where some people are made to rule and others are meant to serve - and of course that means discipline. But there is nothing sexual about it."

Strange

She said she did receive strange telephone calls from people who thought St. Bride's was "something it wasn't".

"But if you heard what I say to them you would know it isn't the sort of establishment which would be listed in The Sex Maniacs Diary."

Most of the guests there since the 'schoolgirl' holidays ended are women who want to learn about being Victorian-style maids and serving girls.

But Miss Tyrrell said there are definitely no gentlemen at St. Bride's for them to serve.

"I'm the mistress of the house," she said.

It's Victorian values for ladies - not erotic hotel

UPMARKET DIPS HIT SHOPPERS

A GANG of upmarket pickpockets had a bumper Christmas this year - robbing unsuspecting shoppers of their cash in Dublin city stores.

The heartless thieves - women dressed in Foxrock-style gear - swooped on women shoppers in the past two weeks.

According to eyewitnesses the flashy filchers were too well dressed to arouse suspicion.

On Monday a pair of the dips hit the Quinnsworth store in Rathmines where they stole from two women shoppers.

Mary Foley from Rathgar had most of her Christmas money snatched when one of the light fingered females snatched her handbag and disappeared.

They looked too well-dressed to be pickpockets - they didn't look in the

least suspicious - the mother of one of the SUNDAY WORLD team.

You wouldn't suspect anything by looking at them," she said, still reeling from the shock.

"I was standing at the bread counter when I felt it. If the strap of my handbag was falling off my shoulder

Spoiled

"When I turned around my bag was gone and I saw the two women walking quickly out the front door."

Mrs. Foley lost £250 in cash as well as her credit cards and cheque book.

"It's just spoiled my Christmas... now I have no credit facilities because the bank has had to stop my cheque book and cards," the magazine journalist added.

Gardaí confirmed yesterday that they were investigating the incident.

Ceausescu under arrest

DEPOSED Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his family are under arrest and being held by the Romanian army, Bucharest television monitored in Belgrade.

The disclosure followed conflicting reports about Ceausescu's whereabouts, with Romanian television first saying he had been arrested, then that he had escaped, been rearrested and finally that he had fled the country.

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Hoods hijack toffs' Xmas gifts

FROM PAGE 1

van had disappeared - along with a consignment of parcels destined for some of the store's wealthy clientele.

The incident happened on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Amiens Street in the heart of the city. The van was found stripped of its contents in the Finglas area on Friday afternoon.

The delivery van had already dropped off some parcels and was believed to be

heading towards the north city when the masked gang struck.

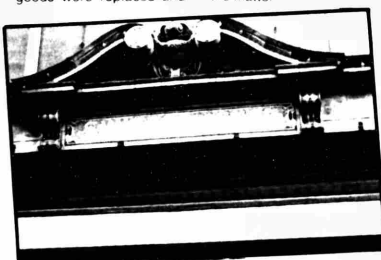
A spokesman for the company confirmed that the ignition barrel on the vehicle had been 'glue-frozen'.

He told SUNDAY WORLD "Our first concern was for the driver of the van who was travelling alone at the time."

He said the value of the goods stolen was substantial - an estimated several thousand pounds.

"After the safety of the driver, our first concern was making sure that the stolen goods were replaced and delivered on time," the spokesman went on.

Gardaí are investigating the matter.



• Switzers in Dublin's Grafton Street.

Golden oldies back

RTE's Larry Gogan's Golden Hour will be blasting into homes all over the country in the New Year - not only on radio but on TV too!

The popular 2FM show starts a new series on radio AND television next week (Jan 8).

And fans of silver-tongued Larry will be able to listen to and watch music videos and films from the 60s, 70s, and 80s on 2FM and Network 2 on Monday evenings.

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• Larry Gogan.

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No spanking at school for adults

A HEADMISTRESS denied yesterday that spanking was carried out at her school for women.

Miss Brighe Dacholwyn, 31, whose bizarre boarding school opened officially yesterday, said: "There is no spanking or smacking... no corporal punishment."

"But we have to have discipline and there are lines and detention."

St Bride's school for young ladies charges women £95 a week to relive their schooldays in a former hotel at Burtonport, Co. Donegal.

She added that a week at the school would include lessons, pillow fights, hockey and homework.

Jill in a jam

HOUSEWIFE Jill Bardell had to be rescued by firemen when her arm stuck in her mother's letterbox at Popley, Basingstoke, Hants. She was unlocking the door after her mum forgot her keys.

Reunited—and robbed

A WOMAN spent twelve years searching for her long-lost brother—only to be robbed by him when they finally got together.

Steven Rudge, 38, stole £350 from meters at his sister Christine Jackson's home in Walslow, Bury.

Why I had to kill my pop star son

Father tells of quarrel



DEAD: Pop star Marvin

MARVIN GAYE'S father claimed yesterday that he had shot his pop star son dead "in self-defence."

He told police: "He had struck me. His eyes were glazing."

Marvin Senior, 69, was in a police cell in Los Angeles after confessing to the killing.

But police said they were still not sure what had happened on Sunday night when the pop star quarrelled with his father, a retired Apostolic Church minister.

The minister's wife Alberta, 71, had ruled out killing in self defence, they said.

She told detectives that a shoving match between the two men had been over for some



ARRESTED: Marvin senior after the shooting

time when the shooting happened.

Alberta was one of 25 people who were in the Gayes' two-storey gabled house when the killing took place.

Police Lieutenant Bob Martin said that there had been "bad blood" between Gaye and his father for some time, and neighbours had heard them quarrelling.

Then a row broke out on Saturday night. Next day the quarrel broke out again, with Gaye ordering his father in and out of an upstairs room, and the two men pushing and shoving at each other.

When Alberta intervened, the father went downstairs. She was still there when he came back with a .38 calibre pistol and shot Gaye in the chest.

Baby's great escape

BABY Ricky Stevens hurtled through the windscreen of his parents' crashing car—and landed unhurt on the grass verge.

Gerald and Suzan Stevens' car rolled into a ditch and hit a tree after a collision in Weston-on-the-Green, Oxon.

The couple, both 21, from Bicester, found six-month-old Ricky gurgling happily after the crash.

Gerald said yesterday: "He was totally unhurt—there wasn't a scratch on him."

Ricky spent a night in hospital but was released with a clean bill of health yesterday.

Wrong number

THIEVES took a modern telephone switchboard in mistake for a computer from an office in Rotherham.

Victory for 'Siege man'

A MAN accused of holding a council hostage with a shotgun was yesterday granted the planning request he was refused before the siege.

Terence Rafferty was allowed at Caradon, Cornwall, to sell two houses without restrictions on their use.

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A habit goes to blazes

WHAT'S thin, brown-and-white, expensive and was nowhere to be seen at a party I attended with nearly 40 other people last Saturday night?

Stumped? Well, what is it two-thirds of the adult population of the UK don't do now that the same proportion DID do 20 years ago?

The answer, of course, is that the fickle but sensible 66.66 per cent no longer light up those slender, pale, pricey things called cigarettes. I've never tried one. Childhood headaches caused by cigarette fumes and Bob Newhart's classic record pointing out the insane absurdity of smoking — "You stick the leaves in your mouth and set fire to them, Walt?" — saw to that.

But I can remember a time when nearly every adult I knew smoked — my mother, father, uncles, aunts, friends, teachers, doctor etc.

Those were the days before filter tips, when yellowed fingers, early-morning coughs and a general aura of Craven A bore testimony to the hopeless and almost universal addiction of Britain's grown-ups.

Wheeze

It was when cinema screens were almost obscured from the two-and-nines by a blanket of full-strength fog.

When trying to find a seat upstairs on a crowded bus was like groping your way through one of the great London pea-soupers.

When faggot and peas in a heaving, post-cinema fish and chip shop tasted more like fag-ash and wheeze after being exposed to the inhalers of the omnipresent weed.

Now, 30 years on, smoking is banned in many cinemas and restaurants.

The top deck of buses still smells like an ashtray, but it's not the adults who are puffing but the youngsters — particularly girls.

Just why the generation that is turning against meat-eating for humanitarian and health reasons should wish to inhale the dubious fumes of a glorified dock leaf I can't imagine.

But at least in most houses they must have difficulty finding an ashtray in which to deposit the remains of their misspent pounds.

And that's one advantage the much-criticised eighties have over the so-called Good Old Days.

JIM KEAY

Stamping out the old image

Our new weekly column offers an unpretentious rather than precocious look at Britain's great drinks revolution

wineline

■ ANDREW MOURANT

WHY write about wine? What is there to say, once you have identified red and white, sweet and dry? Why the elaborate swilling, tasting and spitting rituals?

It gives rise to a vocabulary far removed from the grape. People talk of wines as unpretentious, mawkish, precocious, attenuated.

Are not all the tasting ceremonies, the writers' phrases, pretentious nonsense?

Yes and no. Wine, though essentially simple, is a drink of infinite variety, the most civilised in the world.

It deserves serious consideration, as it is being made better almost everywhere.

Yet even 15 years ago most inexpensive stuff in supermarkets and off-licences was filthy.

Thousands have suffered hangovers induced by Spanish "Burgundy" or acidic "French" table wine of indeterminate origin.

Things have improved beyond recognition. Visit, for instance, your local Oddbins — four in Bristol, one in Bath — and you are confronted with a dazzling international choice.

You have only a couple of pounds to spare? You still have a score of choices from Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, France — all sound, honest bottles. You want some

advice? You'll get it tailored to your knowledge and requirements, usually in a friendly and unstuffy manner.

The pompous old wine snob may be on the run at last.

Yet as wine-making becomes more sophisticated and experimental, particularly in the United States and Australia, there is much to learn about techniques and the tastes that result.

The West is a great traditional wine centre and Bristol has two celebrated merchants, Harveys and Avellys.

Within striking



The old look: today's wine industry is a world away from this.

distance are established English wineries at Wootton, Pilton, Wraxall, Moorlync, Castle Cary and Bradford-on-Avon.

Their products are among the most interesting developments of the 1980s — far removed from factory-produced British wine, diabolical stuff made

from grape juice concentrate.

My voyage of discovery began some years ago. I bought a bin end on spec from an unpromising off-licence, a 1979 Sancerre Clos du Roy.

I knew only that it was a dry white wine from the Loire — but

tasting was a dazzling experience.

It was an exquisite bone dry drink with a piercing citric freshness that haunted me for months.

For those prepared to abandon Liebfraumilch and Concorde, the variety of the world's wines has similar thrills to offer.

Ancient and modern is cathedral wife's theme

QUITE a few hungry members of the congregation of Bristol Cathedral helped Verity Isitt in her research project.

They were happy to taste recipes she was testing for a most unusual cookery book called *Take a Buttock of Beefe* (Ashford Press, £12.95).

Verity is the wife of Canon David Isitt, who was director of the school of ministry for the diocese of Bristol.

He is still a canon emeritus of Bristol Cathedral, though the couple have now moved to Cambridge.

During their nine years in Bristol, their



Verity Isitt

Clifton home became well known in diocesan circles as an exceptionally good place to eat, thanks to Verity's skills.

Her book is the result of a lucky find made by the family in David's grandmother's attic.

Among books in a

cardboard box was a collection of recipes assembled in 1655 for Henrietta Maria, widow of Charles I.

Verity has used that work as the basis of her own.

Each spread includes a 17th-century recipe on the left with a modern one on the right.

Take a Buttock of Beefe draws its name from instructions on how to "make beefe like red Dear to be eaten cold".

Alongside is Verity's cold spiced beef, with two and a half pounds of skirt of beef.

Two of the recipes, one old, one new, are reproduced right.

How to make an Out-landish Dish

TAKE the Liver of a Hogg, and cut it in small peices about the bigness of a span, then take

Ani-seed, or Fennell-seed,

Pepper and Salt, and season them therewithall, and lay

every peice severally round in the cale of the

Hogg, and so roast them on a Bird-

spit.

cookbook

■ QUITA MORGAN

Pork Tenderloin with Mushrooms

2lb pork tenderloin
1/2 teaspoon thyme
Salt and pepper
3oz fine white breadcrumbs
2 eggs, beaten
4oz butter
8oz mushrooms
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Cut the tenderloin slantwise into 1/2-inch slices and rub each with salt and pepper. Mix the thyme with the breadcrumbs. Dip the pork slices into beaten egg and then into the breadcrumbs, pressing firmly.

Melt half of the butter and fry the slices of pork gently for about three minutes on each side; when they are golden brown, remove them and keep them hot. Melt the remaining butter and fry the mushrooms for two minutes; then serve them with the pork.

Pork cooked like this can also be served cold, in which case marinate the mushrooms, sliced, in olive oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, mustard and tomato paste.

computer chat

■ JOHN WALKER

SEX and violence on home computers is about to reach new heights — or depths — with JACK THE RIPPER, the first game to be given an 18 Certificate by the British Board of Film Classification.

It reflects the gory graphics of the adventure, which include a drawing of one of the victims — a disembowelled woman covered in blood.

It is the latest in a series of CRL's interactive stories to be submitted to the BBFC. Two earlier ones, *Frankenstein* and *Dracula*, were given 15 Certificates.

Jack The Ripper was written by Marianne Scarlett and Priscilla Langridge who run St Bride's School — that odd Irish establishment where women go to relive their schooldays.

"The Ripper was a real murderer and we felt it justified an 18 classification," says the BBFC.

Jack The Ripper will be released for the Spectrum this month at £8.95, with versions for the Amstrad and Commodore following just in time for Christmas.

Electronic Arts is to release a simulation of an Apollo moon flight from countdown to splash-down, including a space-walk.

APOLLO 18: MISSION TO THE MOON will be available for the Commodore 64/128 next month at £9.95 on tape and £14.95 on disk.

Join Luke's thrilling war on the Death Star

game reviews

Title & Rating: Star Wars****

Type: Arcade game

Computer: Atari ST, Commodore 64, Spectrum

Format & Price: Tape, £9.95; disk, £14.95-19.95

Publisher: Domark

In Brief: Forceful Luke

SKYWALKER rides again in the home

computer version of the

arcade hit in which you

fly on a mission to destroy

the Death Star.

Inevitably, the Atari

ST version gets closest

to the feel of the

original, but they're all

good and it's all here:

the dog-fight against

the tie-fighters, the

battle on the planet's

surface and the final

run down the trench to

blast the Death Star's

exhaust port.

A drawback with the

that there is no sound while you play — it apparently slowed down the game too much.

Title & Rating: PHM

Pegasus****

Type: Simulation

Computer: Commodore

64/128

Format & Price: Disk, £14.95

Publisher: Electronic Arts

Author: Noah Falstein

In Brief: Shipshape

From Lucasfilm

Games comes a mar-

vellous simulation of

life behind the wheel and guns of a Patrol Hydrofoil Misslecraft, a speedy warship that zooms along at 50 knots blasting the enemy.

There are eight different missions on which you can sail — from battle training to Jihad, escorting a ship out of the Persian Gulf during a chillingly topical full-scale war.

The display shows the view from the bridge and through binoculars

as well as providing radar and compass readouts and an operations map. It's just brilliant.

Title & Rating:

Spellbinder****

Type: Arcade adventure

Computer: BBC B/Master, Electron

Format & Price: Tape, £9.95; disk, £11.95

Publisher: Superior

Authors: Dan & Etan Shiron

In Brief: Magic

Programmed by two Israeli brothers, this is a clever stuff — an icon-driven puzzle game with 3D monochrome graphics.

***** Instant classic. **** Recommended. *** Good of its kind. ** OK for a rainy day. ! Computer nasty.

Row over commune's boat rocks picturesque village



• Ann Barr laughs as she tells of the scuffle at the yacht club while she planes the Screamer's boat.



• Ann's former lover - Scott Kipling his new girlfriend was hit.

HOLIDAY-makers were amazed when they saw a group of people scuffling outside an international sailing club in Baltimore — a picturesque part of south west Cork described as paradise because of its peace and tranquillity.

On one side in the melee which had tourists' eyes popping were Donegal women Mary Kelly and Anne Barr, members of the colourful Atlantic's Community 'The Screamers' which has its Irish base at Burtonport near Dungloe in Co. Donegal.

Scuffling with them was Anne's former lover, blond Englishman Scott Kipling (22) and his new French girlfriend Odile, an instructor at Glenane Sailing School.

The row, which is being investigated by local police, was allegedly over property in

the community's camp on the beach at Baltimore not far from the sailing school in a converted railway station.

Both sides blame the other for starting the fracas.

Later the same day there was another amazing scene when the women, joined by Becky James, daughter of Jenny James the colourful cult leader who's now in South America, tried to de-bag Scott.

"But by that time it was all a bit of a joke and we were only trying to take his trousers off as a prank", Anne Barr said.

Treatment

Her former boyfriend said he had to receive medical treatment for injuries he received in the affray with the two women and is threatening legal action against them.

Mary Kelly from Ramelton Co. Donegal, a long time member of the cult group — nicknamed The Screamers for the confrontational type of therapy they use to get rid of aggression — said she'd gone to talk face to face with Scott about tools from their boat beached at

Baltimore for refitting.

"I only wanted to ask him about money I felt he owed us but he hid behind his new girlfriend and wouldn't talk face to face with me", Mary said.

Joined

She admits: "I reached across and pulled him out from behind Odile to talk to him directly and there was a scuffle during which the French girl got a skelp from the side of my hand."

"If he'd stood up and talked to me like a man none of this would ever have happened" she said in Burtonport where she returned last week.

Scott joined up with the Atlantis commune through his relationship with Ann Barr two years ago and was part of a "Screamers" team which last Christmas took back the Burtonport house from the "Spankers" — a strange sado-masochist cult of women who dressed in Victorian

garb and have been linked to sex discipline sessions advertised in kinky magazines.

Earlier this year Scott went with Anne Barr to work on a boat being refitted at Baltimore to sail to South America where Jenny James has set up a new Atlantis Commune base in Colombo.

Both he and Anne admit they were lovers until recently when he quit the group to work at the nearby sailing school and started a relationship with the French woman Odile.

Disputed

He said he expected to be eventually paid for the work he'd done or at least to be made captain of the vessel. But he said both Anne and Becky James changed their minds about this.

He denied he took a disputed dinghy and tools from the commune claiming the girls were actually holding tools belonging to

Irish sailors join in rush to meet agency's Russian lovelies



• One of the Russian girls featured in last week's SUNDAY WORLD.

IRISH soldiers and sailors are among the dozens of local lads queuing up to meet

Russian beauties.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the Cork based introduction agency Checkmate claimed it had received almost two hundred enquiries following last week's SUNDAY WORLD story.

Russian women originally contacted Checkmate looking to meet Irish men who they considered were more "romantic and tolerant" than vodka-swilling boorish Russian males.

Among the 200 Irish males who want to meet with Slavic beauties from the former USSR there are numerous applications from "Haibowine" naval base and from the Irish Army's military base at Galway.

According to a spokesman for Checkmate, "Ninety per cent of the inquiries come from professional people and from the farming community."

He said the Irish males would be meeting with the Russians in the near future and he said he couldn't say at present whether they would be coming to Ireland or the men would be going to the former USSR.

The spokesman reiterated that the Cork based Checkmate was not a dating agency nor a marriage bureau. "We are an introduction service," he said.

"Our task is to introduce couples to each other and we don't believe in computer matching," he added. "Anyone interested in meeting girls from Russia and the former Eastern Bloc countries they should contact Helen or Bill on Cork (021) 988843."

Property

Anne says the ill-feeling has nothing to do with her break-up with Scott. "It's all to do with property."

Scott says he left Anne because he wanted a stable relationship but she didn't.

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